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1. PURPOSE. This Manual is the authority that prescribes the policy, responsibility and standards which govern the uniform, appearance and grooming of all Coast Guard personnel; Active, Retired, Reserve, Auxiliary (if not otherwise prescribed by Auxiliary directives) and its representatives.
2. ACTION. This Manual applies to all Coast Guard units and personnel assigned. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of Headquarters units, Assistant Commandants for directorates, Chief Counsel and special staff offices at Headquarters shall ensure widest dissemination of this Manual.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. COMDTINST 1020.6C is canceled.
4. BACKGROUND. Input from the field has shown that past publications of the uniform regulations have often been perceived as hard to understand. This Manual has been completely rewritten for clarity, incorporating previous changes, corrections and modifications. The only major change not previously published is the introduction of the new Coast Guard Women's uniform. Part of this new uniform is the women's Tab-Tie which is authorized to be worn with all dress uniforms with the exception of Formal and Dinner Dress.
5. DISCUSSION. This Manual is written in the permissive form; meaning, that it describes things which are authorized for wear and the manner of wearing. No deviation from the guidance of this Manual is authorized.

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Director of Personnel Management

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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1.A. WEARING OF UNIFORM

The wearing of the Coast Guard uniform must be a matter of personal pride to all Coast Guard personnel. Every member of the Coast Guard is a representative of the United States Government and their dress and conduct must be such as to reflect credit upon themselves, the Coast Guard, and the country. The Coast Guard designs its uniforms to present a neat, comfortable, and functional military appearance. Individuals may have uniforms tailored for a better fit; however, garments may not be altered to make them form-fitting or change the outward appearance of the uniform. All Coast Guard personnel shall provide themselves with an adequate supply of the correct uniforms prescribed in these regulations. Personnel are forbidden to wear any other than the regulation uniform or insignia of their respective grade or rate, or to wear decorations, medals, badges, or their ribbons in any way other than that prescribed. When Reserve personnel are ordered to active duty, they shall conform to all active duty uniform requirements.

1.A.1. RESTRICTIONS

Occasions when a uniform will not be worn include political activities, during private employment, or while participating in outside activities where wearing of the uniform would imply Coast Guard sanction for the cause for which the activity is conducted. Commanding officers and Officers in Charge should refer to U.S. Coast Guard Regulations, COMDTINST M5000.3 (series), pertaining to personnel honors and ceremonies. Refer to the Personnel Manual, COMDTINST M1000.6 (series), for the disposition of uniforms in the following situations: Absent Without Leave (AWOL), Death, Captured, Missing, Incapacitated, or Discharged.

1.A.2. UNIFORM ITEMS

All apparel and insignia obtained from the Uniform Distribution Center, Training Center, Cape May and government issue uniform items sold through the Coast Guard Exchange System stores shall be considered regulation uniform items. Where gold and silver is specified for insignia, synthetic metal base substitute certified in accordance with these regulations is authorized. Articles purchased from other sources must conform to the Military Specifications for outward appearance, shall not be of a lower quality than that specified, and shall bear the Coast Guard certification label. Only Coast Guard approved materials may be used in uniform clothing and accoutrements.

1.A.3. OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Optional uniform items are items which are authorized parts of the uniform, but which members are not required to own. The purpose of specifying some items as optional is to provide some flexibility of choice and individual comfort in uniforms, while holding down the cost that would be incurred by individuals or the Government if all were required. Because members are not required to have optional items, those items may not be specified for wear by prescribing authorities. However, optional items may not be

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appropriate for wear on all occasions or in all locations. Some restrictions on wear of optional items are specified in these regulations. Others may be set by prescribing officials, who are responsible for determining appropriate uniforms for the various seasons, functions, and situations in their region. Individuals may wear optional items at their discretion, except when these regulations or prescribing authorities specifically prohibit their wear.

1.A.4. CLEANLINESS

All uniforms and uniform items shall be kept clean and in good repair with lace, devices, and insignia bright and free from tarnish and corrosion.

1.B. UNIFORM RESPONSIBILITIES

1.B.1. SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARD SAMPLES

Commandant (G-WPM-1) shall supervise the preparation of specifications for all articles of uniform insignia prescribed for Coast Guard personnel. All articles issued shall conform in every respect to the standard sample and its applicable specification. Where gold and silver are specified for insignia, synthetic metal based substitute certified in accordance with these regulations is authorized for use by all personnel.

1.B.2. UNIFORM ITEMS FROM OTHER SERVICES

Clothing and textile items as well as insignia items, used by other Services and certified by their respective quality control programs, will be considered acceptable under the Coast Guard Certification Program.

1.B.3. QUALITY CONTROL AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Commandant has established a quality control system and certification program designed to maintain a consistently high level of appearance of Coast Guard uniforms and accessories by controlling the quality of uniform items of clothing purchased from commercial sources. Section 418, Title 37, U.S. Code states the President may prescribe the quality and kind of clothing which shall be provided to enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve.

1.B.4. COMMANDANT (G-WPM) RESPONSIBILITY

Commandant (G-WPM) is responsible for implementing the Coast Guard Uniform Quality Control System and Certification Program and will provide for:

1. Guidance and information through publications and periodic bulletins to the textile and garment industries regarding military specifications, Coast Guard uniform regulations, and new uniform clothing items.
2. Furnishing upon request of industry,
copies of specifications,
purchase descriptions,
patterns,
shade standards, or
other information pertinent to various service and dress uniforms and accessories.

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3. Receiving and examining samples from
textile manufacturers,
custom tailors,
military tailors, or
other persons interested in making certified Coast Guard
uniform clothing items and accessories.
4. Issuing certificates to those manufacturers whose samples meet
or exceed the standards established.
5. Conducting periodic surveillance and monitoring performance at
suppliers' plants and military sales points.
6. Suspending or revoking certificates for a minimum period of
one year when the certificate holder has violated any of the
conditions, expressed or implied, for which a certificate was
issued.

1.B.5. COMMANDING OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITY

Unit commanding officers and officers in charge shall ensure that only those uniform clothing items and accessories which are provided through Federal supply sources, or which have been produced by certified manufacturers, are worn by personnel under their command.

1.B.6. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITY

Coast Guard personnel shall be responsible for ensuring that the uniform clothing they purchase from commercial uniform sources is produced by a certified manufacturer. Items certified by manufacturers shall be identified by a certified label attesting to the fact that the item was produced under specifications.

1.C. AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE

1.C.1. COMMANDING OFFICER, COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters shall prescribe the uniform for wear by Coast Guard personnel assigned to the Washington, D.C. area.

1.C.2. DISTRICT COMMANDER

The commander of each Coast Guard district shall prescribe the uniform for the season, day, or special occasion to be worn by all personnel within the geographical limits of the district. Personnel of Headquarters units, with the exception of the Coast Guard Academy, shall wear the uniform prescribed by the commander of the Coast Guard district in which the unit is geographically located. A district commander may authorize the senior officer in any locality within the district to prescribe a local uniform of the day when variations in weather conditions warrant. Senior officers afloat in district waters shall, insofar as practicable, follow the uniforms prescribed by the district commander with regard to liberty parties and members of their command operating ashore.

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1.C.3. COAST GUARD ACADEMY

The Superintendent, Coast Guard Academy, shall prescribe the uniform for wear by all cadets and permanent detail.

1.C.4. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL ON DUTY WITH OTHER SERVICES

Coast Guard personnel on duty with Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force organizations shall wear Coast Guard uniforms appropriate to those prescribed for personnel of the service concerned. In combat areas or under other circumstances where the wearing of the Coast Guard uniform would be inappropriate, Coast Guard personnel may wear the uniform of the other service, in these situations the Coast Guard will either provide or reimburse the expense of the required uniforms (upon approval from G-WPM). When such clothing is worn, appropriate Coast Guard insignia shall be worn.

1.D. COAST GUARD UNIFORM BOARD

A Coast Guard Uniform Board will convene at the direction of the Commandant to consider uniform related issues. Recommendations of the Board are submitted to the Commandant for approval. By direction of the Commandant, the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, has approval authority for routine uniform actions. Uniform recommendations approved by the Commandant or by delegated authority have the force of regulation and shall be promulgated as changes to Coast Guard Uniform Regulations.

1.D.1. BOARD MEMBERS

The Coast Guard Uniform Board membership will be selected by the Chief Office of Military Personnel (G-WPM), as needed.

1.D.2. MAKING SUGGESTED CHANGES

Suggested changes to the Uniform Regulations shall be submitted by letter via the chain of command to Commandant (G-WPM). The following format is required:

1. Issue
2. Discussion
3. Suggestion
4. Alternatives

Drawings (if appropriate) shall be submitted as well as the proposed new wording of the Uniform Regulations.

1.E. APPEARANCE

No eccentricities or faddishness in appearance will be permitted. Judgments will be made by the command based on prevailing military standards and traditions, not on civilian standards and customs.

1.E.1. GENERAL ITEMS

Items carried in pockets of uniforms will not be exposed nor detract from the proper appearance of the uniform. These items include but are not limited to pencils, pens, watch chains, fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, or other items. Wearing, strap-carrying, or hand-carrying useful rather than purely ornamental clothing

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items such as sunglasses, cameras, umbrellas, briefcases, or luggage is authorized except in formations or at other times when an unusual degree of uniformity is appropriate.

1.E.2. GLASSES

Glasses and sunglasses are to be of conservative style and color. Sunglasses must use lenses of conservative, non-mirrored, non-ornamental colors. Logos on lenses of sunglasses will be minimized to the fullest extent possible and will be no larger than a U.S. Dime. Retaining straps or safety straps used with regular or sunglasses are limited to the type used to keep glasses in place on the wearer's face. Retaining straps are to be Coast Guard or generic navy blue or black in color only. Exceptions to eye wear regulations may be made, if necessary, when prescribed by competent military medical authority and approved by the command.

1.E.3. MILITARY CREASES

Military creases may be worn at the member's option. If worn, they shall be formed by pressing two vertical folds in the front of the shirt from the shoulder seam through the center of each pocket to the bottom of the shirt, and three evenly spaced vertical folds between the shirt side seams in the back of the shirt. Creases on shirts without pockets shall be aligned to center the ribbon bar over the crease. Sewn-in military creases are not authorized.

1.F. GROOMING

The Superintendent, Coast Guard Academy; Commanding Officers of Training Center Cape May; Reserve Training Center Yorktown; and Information Systems Center are authorized to establish more restrictive grooming standards for cadets, officer candidates, enlisted recruits, and members of the permanent party. Restrictive grooming standards are not applicable to tenant commands of the units authorized to establish such restrictive standards.

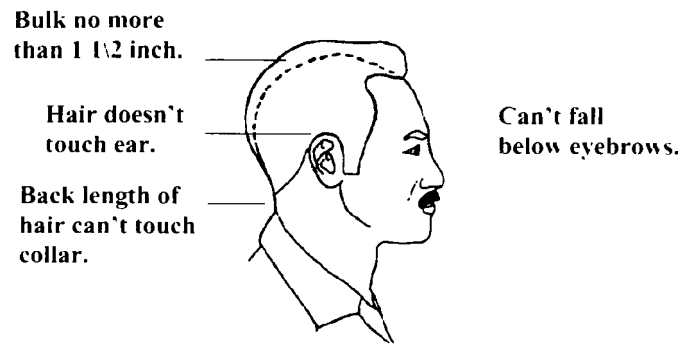
1.F.1. HAIR

Hair will be neat, clean, and present a groomed appearance. Eccentric styles or colors may not be worn while in uniform or in a duty status. Varying hair styles are permitted provided these styles meet the criteria of bulk and do not interfere with the proper wearing of military headgear. Bulk is defined as the distance that the mass of the hair protrudes from the scalp when groomed (as opposed to the length of the hair).

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1.F.1.a. Men

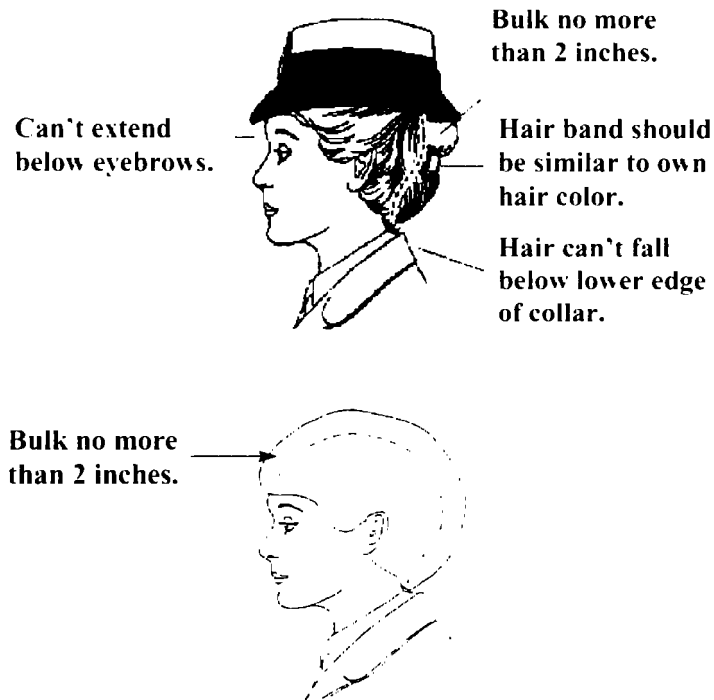


Hair must be smoothly tapered from lower hairline upward on all sides.

Hair shall not:

- Be visible below front brim or visor
- Be block or square cut

1.F.1.b. Women



Hair will be clean and neatly arranged. Back of hair may touch but not fall below the bottom edge of the collar. Hair shall not:

- Show under the front brim of the cap
- Extend below the eyebrows when headgear is removed

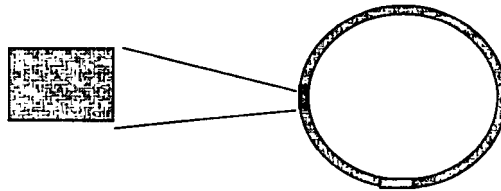
No more than one braid shall be worn in the hair. Afro, natural, bouffant, and other similar hair styles are permitted, but exaggerated styles, including those with excess fullness or extreme height are not authorized.

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1.F.2. HAIR ORNAMENTS

Women's hair ornaments such as ribbons will not be worn. Pins, combs, or small plain cloth covered elastic bands or plain elasticized cloth bands, similar in color to the individual's hair color may be worn by women to bind their hair. Headbands do not fall under this description and are not authorized.

**Depiction of plain cloth
covered elasticized band.**



Plain barrettes of brown color or gold metallic are authorized, however they must not interfere with wearing of military headgear. Visible hair nets will be worn only as required by the command for specific functions.

1.F.3. WIG/HAIRPIECES

Women may wear wigs or hairpieces. While in uniform or while in a duty status, then may only wear hairpieces for cosmetic reasons to cover natural baldness or physical disfigurement. When a wig or hairpiece is worn it will be of good quality and fit, present a natural appearance, not interfere with the proper performance of duty, not present a safety hazard, and will conform to the grooming standards set forth in these regulations.

1.F.4. SHAVING

Men must be clean shaven, although mustaches are permitted. For uniformity during public appearances as a distinctive element of the Coast Guard, personnel who are assigned to Ceremonial Honor Guard will be clean shaven, refer to Personnel Manual M 1000.6 series.

1.F.4.a. Beards

A beard may be worn for health reasons when a waiver is granted by a military medical officer. If a shaving waiver is authorized, facial hair will be kept trimmed not to exceed 1/4 inch in length. Individuals granted a shaving waiver will not shave any facial hair unless it is a limited shaving chit which shall be documented on CG 3307 (Administrative Remarks), however the criteria for reenlistment into the Coast Guard is in accordance with the Medical Manual.

1.F.4.b. Mustaches

If worn, the mustache must be well groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in the following manner:
Mustaches cannot be permitted to interfere with the mask-to-skin seal required for proper wearing of oxygen masks, gas masks, or OBA equipment

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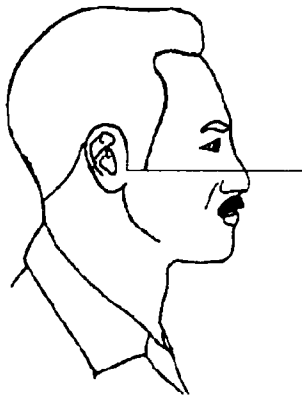
**Can't extend below top
of upper lip and beyond
a line extending across
corners of mouth.**



**No more than 1/4 inch
from corners of mouth.**

1.F.4.c. Sideburns

Sideburns, if worn, will be neatly trimmed. The base of the sideburn will not be flared and will be clean shaven. (This does not apply to individuals having a shaving waiver)



**The sideburns are tapered
to conform with the rest of
the hair.**

**A horizontal line will not
extend below the lowest
part of the ear opening.**

1.F.4.d. Fingernails

Men: Fingernails shall not extend past the fingertips, and shall be kept clean.

Women: Fingernails shall not exceed 1/4 inch measured from the fingertip, and shall be kept clean. Nail polish may be worn, but colors will be limited to and blend with the wearer's natural skin tones.

1.F.5. COSMETICS

Cosmetics, when worn shall be of conservative color and worn in good taste so that colors enhance natural features. Lipstick colors shall be conservative and compliment the individual. Eccentricities in color and manner of wear of cosmetics shall not be worn in uniform.

1.G. JEWELRY

Necklaces, crosses, pendants, chains, other neck jewelry, will not be worn exposed when in uniform. Wearing tie clasps, tie tacks, cuff links, shirt studs, wrist watches, identification bracelets, rings and earrings (by women) is permitted with all uniforms and will be worn as further prescribed in these regulations; however, these items will be in good taste and appropriate to the occasion, working or social, for which the prescribed uniform is worn.

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1.G.1. EARRINGS

Earrings are prohibited for male personnel in uniform under any circumstances, and are prohibited in civilian clothing aboard any military installation, or when directed to wear civilian clothing while on official duty. No other type of body piercing ornamentation is authorized for men or women. Only one earring per ear lobe shall be worn. When worn by women, 1/4 inch maximum, round ball-style gold, silver, or pearl are authorized with all uniforms: when formal or dinner dress uniform is worn, 1/4 inch maximum, diamond earrings are authorized.

1.G.2. BRACELETS

The wear of identification bracelets is limited to those worn as medical alert type or for specifically designated military or medical purposes only.

1.G.3. RINGS

Only one ring per hand may be worn. Rings must be of a conservative nature, shall not fit on more than one finger at a time, and shall not detract from the uniform. Engagement and wedding ring sets or class/service ring worn with a wedding ring set are considered as one ring.

1.G.4. RELIGIOUS APPAREL

Jewelry bearing religious inscriptions or otherwise expressing religious affiliation or preference is not considered religious apparel and is subject to existing uniform regulations.

1.G.5 TIE CLASPS OR TIE TACKS

A tie clasp or a tie tack which may be worn shall be either plain gold in color or may be adorned with miniature insignia/devices such as:

- Miniature Officer's insignia
- Miniature Chief Petty Officer's insignia
- Miniature Enlisted insignia
- SAR School insignia, only if the member is a graduate of SAR school
- other Coast Guard representation of Coast Guard boats, ships or aircraft

The tie clasp shall be a gold bar style approximately 3/16 inch wide. When the service dress blue coat is worn the tie clasp or tie tack, must not be visible.

1.G.6. CUFF LINKS

Cuff Links are an optional item. They shall be gold-color, link or stud type, and be a conservative design. Cuff links are authorized for all long sleeved shirts with the exception of work uniforms. Shirt cuffs without cuff link hole must be professionally tailored to the same standards as the shirt's button holes in order to accommodate cuff links.

1.G.7. SHIRT STUDS

Shirt Studs are an optional item worn on the shirt of the dinner and formal dress uniforms (blue and white jacket). Shirt studs shall be plain gold or gold-color without design.

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1.G.8. TATTOOS

Tattoos, Brands or intentional scarring of the head, and neck, are prohibited. Furthermore, any markings of the body that are contrary to the published basic core values of the Coast Guard, prejudicial to good order and discipline, or are of a nature to bring discredit upon the service are prohibited.

1.H. UNIFORMS OF THE DAY

The Uniform of the Day is the uniform prescribed by competent authority for wear by all Coast Guard personnel within a command or geographical area. The Uniform of the Day for most Coast Guard Commands should normally be the Service Dress Blue Bravo uniform.

1.H.1. TRAVELING ON LEAVE, TRANSFER, OR TAD

When traveling in uniform on leave, TAD, or transfer, the service dress blue uniform may be worn as the standard travel uniform throughout the year. The tropical blue uniform may be worn for travel during the appropriate season. After arrival at their destination and when reporting to their ultimate duty station, personnel shall wear the uniform designated by the prescribing authority for that particular area.

1.H.2. TRAVELING ON GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT

Coast Guard personnel traveling aboard Government owned or operated aircraft within the continental United States, shall wear the appropriate uniform unless civilian clothes are authorized in the individual's orders or leave papers. Normally, civilian clothing will not be prescribed unless required by extenuating local circumstances or other regulations. When civilian clothing is worn, it will be in good taste and not in conflict with accepted attire in the geographic area. Personnel traveling on Air Mobility Command (AMC) flights should consult the MAC terminal for the appropriate dress requirements.

1.H.3. HEADGEAR

The cap or hat is considered an integral part of the uniform. However, uniform headgear is not required to be worn when cutters are at sea outside harbor limits, except on specific watches designated by the commanding officer, and on special ceremonial occasions specified by the commanding officer or higher authority. Uniform headgear shall be worn in port, with suitable relaxation for appropriate work.

When outdoors, personnel shall remain covered at all times except when ordered to uncover, or during religious services not associated with a military ceremony; thus, unless ordered to uncover, personnel shall remain covered during the invocation or other religious portions of ceremonies which are military in nature, such as changes of command, ship commissioning and launchings, military burials, etc. The chaplain conducting the religious portion of the ceremony will be guided by the customs of the church with respect to the wearing of head covering.

The cap or hat is normally removed indoors. Officers or enlisted personnel in a duty status wearing side arms or a pistol belt shall not remove headgear indoors except when entering a space where a meal is being served or divine services are being conducted. Personnel may remove their headgear when traveling inside any enclosed vehicle either

on or off any Coast Guard facility. However, the wearing of headgear while in an enclosed vehicle may be appropriate during ceremonial occasions or may be required by the local regulations of other military services while on board their facilities.

1.H.4. UNDERGARMENTS

Undergarments such as undershirts, drawers or briefs, panties, and bras shall be worn while in uniform. Bras should be of such a color as to minimize showing through the uniform.

1.I. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR MOTORCYCLE OR BICYCLE OPERATORS

Coast Guard personnel are authorized and encouraged to wear protective clothing with the uniform while operating or riding as a passenger on any two or three-wheeled motor vehicle or bicycle. "Protective Clothing" means clothing which would prevent or lessen injury, especially to the head and skin, in the event of an accident.

1.I.1. MOTORCYCLE/BICYCLE CLOTHING

Refer to COMDTINST M5100.47 (series) for the most current required protective clothing information. The procurement of protective clothing is the responsibility of the individual, unless riding a motorcycle or bicycle is part of the individual's normal duties (refer to chapter 5.F. Organizational Clothing).

1.J. CIVILIAN CLOTHING

When civilian clothing is worn, Coast Guard personnel shall ensure that their dress and personal appearance are appropriate for the occasion, in good taste, and will not tend to bring discredit upon the Coast Guard or conflict with accepted attire in the geographic area. Unless the Commandant directs that uniforms be worn at all times and, except as noted elsewhere in this chapter, civilian clothing may be worn by all officers and enlisted personnel in accordance with the following regulations. Area commanders, district commanders and senior officers present may suspend this privilege to meet local conditions, advising Commandant (G-W) when such action is taken. Commanding officers may authorize the wear of civilian clothing for occasions when the military uniform may be inappropriate.

1.J.1. LEAVE/LIBERTY

Officers and enlisted personnel are permitted to have civilian clothing in their possession aboard ship and at Coast Guard units ashore. Such clothing may be worn while leaving or returning to ships or stations, while awaiting transportation after permission to leave has been given, while on authorized leave/liberty status ashore. Civilian clothing may be worn while in a travel status when such travel is performed via public carrier or private conveyance, or when authorized by the Commandant.

1.J.2. FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Wearing of military uniforms in the civilian community while overseas is discouraged. If the laws of a country prohibit the wearing of foreign uniforms, only civilian clothing shall

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be worn. Area commanders, district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistic commands, are authorized to amend the prescribed uniform for travel as necessary to protect Coast Guard personnel. Refer to COMDTINST M 1000.6A, 16-J. for the approval process to wear a uniform in a foreign country.

1.J.3. SPECIAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS

Officers under instructions at civilian educational institutions and in civilian industrial establishments may wear civilian clothes at all times. Special agents shall wear civilian clothing rather than military uniforms throughout assignment to intelligence duties. It is recognized that special agents may appear in areas where a typical military haircut makes them conspicuous. Accordingly, district commanders may grant permission on an individual basis for special agents to wear sideburns and hair styles that are in keeping with current styles. District commanders may authorize law specialists to wear civilian clothing when they appear in courts which prohibit the wearing of uniforms by attorneys representing the United States.

The requirement for enlisted personnel to wear civilian clothing in the performance of their official duties is established by the Commandant. Unit commanding officers are not authorized to direct enlisted personnel to wear civilian clothing in the performance of official duties unless a civilian clothing allowance has been authorized or approved. If a civilian clothing allowance is not authorized in a member's permanent change of station orders, it must be requested from Commandant (G-W).

Coast Guard personnel normally in uniform shall not be permitted to wear civilian clothing in the discharging of their official duties unless specific authorization is provided elsewhere in these regulations, authorized in their permanent change of station orders, or approved by Commandant (G-W).

1.J.4. RESTRICTIONS

The Superintendent of the Coast Guard Academy and Commanding Officers of Training Center Cape May and Reserve Training Center Yorktown are authorized to establish restrictions on the possession and wearing of civilian clothing for cadets, officer candidates, and recruits.

When the privilege of wearing civilian clothing is suspended by the Commandant, Commanding Officers shall ensure that all members' civilian clothing is stored in a secured space or removed entirely from Coast Guard units. No part of the prescribed uniform or equipment shall be worn at the same time that civilian clothes are worn, except articles which do not present a distinctive Coast Guard appearance, such as trench coat, shoes, or, gloves.

1.K. WEARING OF UNIFORMS BY NON-ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL

1.K.1. RESERVE PERSONNEL

Members of the Coast Guard Reserve shall wear the prescribed uniform of their grade or rate for the following:

Inactive duty training
When called to active duty

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1.1.4. SHORE PATROL AND BEACH GUARD

Officers on shore patrol or beach guard shall wear the uniform of the day, SP brassard, and such other equipment designated by competent authority.

Enlisted personnel on duty ashore as members of the shore patrol or beach guard shall wear the uniform of the day, with pistol belt, SP brassard, night stick, and such other equipment designated by competent authority.

Officers and enlisted personnel assigned to an Armed Forces Police Detachment shall wear the uniform of the day and accessories prescribed for shore patrol and beach guard, except that they shall wear a brassard bearing the words "Armed Forces Police." Reflective materials may be applied to accoutrements for night visibility when prescribed by competent authority.

1.1.5. MESSENGERS

Personnel on duty as Officer of the Deck's messengers and similar officer details shall wear the pistol belt.

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2.A. INSIGNIAS

The uniform with its various insignia and devices is designed primarily to indicate on sight those belonging to the Coast Guard and show at a glance their grade, specialty or rating, and the authority and responsibility imposed by law on those wearing the uniform. Insofar as possible, officer and enlisted uniforms are the same and sew-on insignia shall be held to a minimum.

Metal or embroidered insignia are worn on the chest to indicate a special qualification or designation. Officers and enlisted members qualified or designated, and whose right to wear the insignia has not been specifically revoked are authorized to wear any insignia in the approved categories.

The Command, Aviation, Surface Operations, Small Boat Operations, Underwater Operations, and Recruit Company Commander insignia are the only approved insignia worn on the uniform: Members who have earned the insignias for either Naval Surface Warfare or Enlisted Surface Warfare and whose right to wear it has not been revoked may wear it on the Coast Guard uniform.

Follow these guidelines for any items sewn onto the uniform:

The thread should be the same color as the background of the item being attached

Sew on the item by machine or hand at a minimum of six stitches per inch

1. Metal Insignia. Wear metal insignia on the Formal dress, Dinner dress, Full dress, Service dress, and the Tropical uniforms. Wear metal insignia on Undress uniforms as prescribed. Altering metal insignia by plating or polishing is prohibited.
2. Embroidered Insignia. Wear embroidered insignia on the Service dress, Full dress, and Dinner dress uniform coats.

2.A.1. BREAST INSIGNIA

A member may simultaneously wear a maximum of two breast insignia and two Command or OIC insignia on the Coast Guard uniform (for total of four).

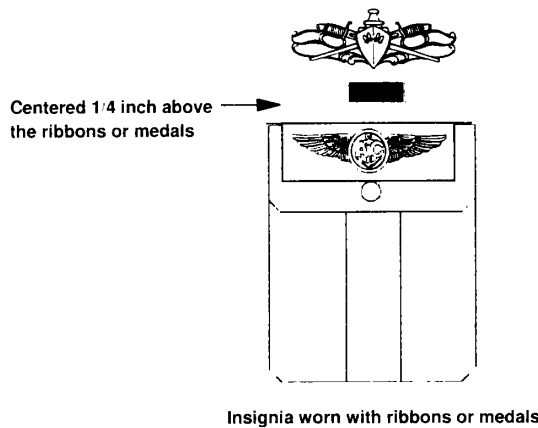
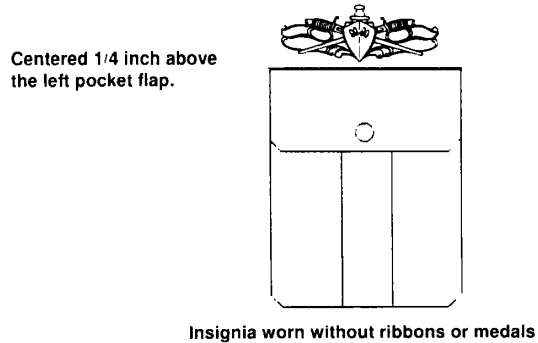
2.A.2. WEARING QUALIFICATION OR DESIGNATION INSIGNIA (EXCEPT COMMAND AND OFFICER IN CHARGE INSIGNIA)

When wearing ribbons or medals, a member may wear two insignia. When wearing without ribbons or medals, a member may wear only one breast insignia. When two insignia are worn, they are to be of different categories. When wearing two insignia of any other categories, put the current or most recently earned one uppermost. The Surface Operations and Surface Warfare insignia are not worn together. If a member is qualified for both devices, he or she can choose which one to wear.

Wear large breast insignia on all uniforms except those for which miniature medals are prescribed, when the member wears miniature breast insignia.

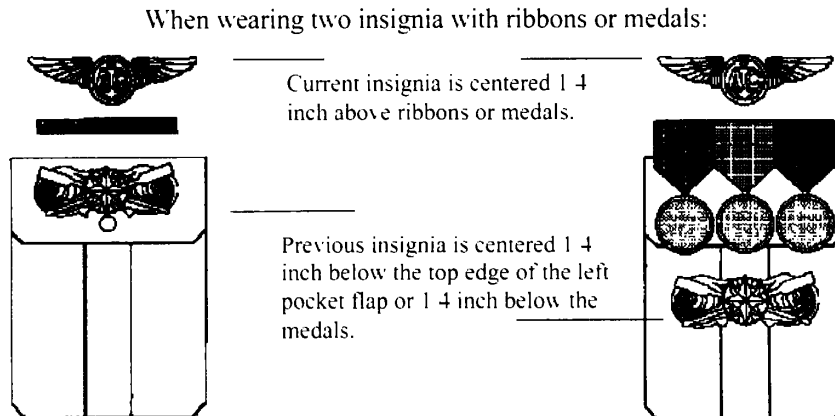
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Wear insignia on the left chest as follows:



When wearing miniature medals on men's dinner dress jackets, center the miniature insignia on the lapel 3 1/2 inches below the notch. Women wear miniature insignia centered 1/3 of the distance from the shoulder seam and coat hem.

When wearing two insignia with ribbons or medals:



Use comparable locations on shirts without pockets.

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2.A.3. Breast Insignia Descriptions

2.A.3.a. Aviation Insignia

2.A.3.a.1. Aviator.

A gold toned metal winged pin with a fouled anchor behind a shield in the center.



2.A.3.a.2. Aircrew.

A gold toned metal winged pin with an anchor and the letters "AC" inscribed.



Enlisted members qualified for aircrew duty who subsequently advance to officer status may continue to wear the Aircrew insignia until they qualify for other aviation insignia.

2.A.a.b.3. Flight Officer.

A gold toned metal winged pin with crossed fouled anchors behind a shield in the center.



2.A.3.a.4. Flight Surgeon.

A gold toned metal winged pin with a silver caduceus superimposed on a shield in the center.



2.A.3.b. Surface Operations Insignia

2.A.3.B.1. Cutterman

A gold toned (officers) or matte silver toned color (enlisted) metal device with a shield on a five pointed star superimposed on a ship's wheel centered over stylized waves.

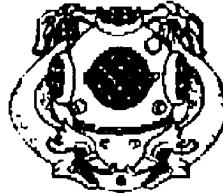


Enlisted members eligible to wear the permanent Cutterman Insignia who subsequently advance to officer status may continue to wear the silver insignia until they have completed all necessary PQS for the gold insignia, according to the Cutter Training and Education Manual, COMDTINST M3502.4 (series). The member must complete the applicable PQS before he or she may wear either the temporary or permanent gold

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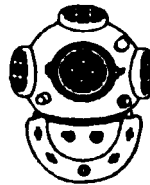
2.A.3.d.2. First Class Diver

A dull silver metal pin with a diving helmet and breast plate surrounded by sea serpents.



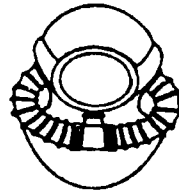
2.A.3.d.3. Second Class Diver

A dull silver metal pin with a diving helmet and breast plate.



2.A.3.d.4. Scuba Diver

A gold toned (officers) or dull silver (enlisted) metal pin with a wet suit hood, face mask, and breathing apparatus.



2.A.4. QUALIFICATION AND DESIGNATION INSIGNIA, COMMAND AND OFFICER IN CHARGE

The Command At Sea and Command Ashore Insignia are considered equivalent. Personnel entitled to wear the Command at Sea/Command Ashore Insignia shall wear this insignia in addition to any other breast insignia authorized. The large size Command at Sea/Command Ashore Insignia shall be worn on full dress uniforms. The miniature insignia, half the size in diameter of the large insignia, shall be worn on all other uniforms. During the incumbency of either insignia, both the incumbent insignia and the previously earned insignia may be worn.

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Members entitled to wear the OINC Afloat or Ashore Insignia wear it in the same manner as prescribed for the Command at Sea or Command Ashore Insignia.

Enlisted members who have earned the OINC insignia and subsequently advance to officer status may continue to wear their previous insignia until they qualify for the equivalent command insignia, which is then worn.

2.A.4.c. Command Insignia Manner of Wear

Wear the Command at Sea, Command Ashore, OINC Afloat, and OINC Ashore insignia in this manner.

Incumbent (present command) insignia:

Wear on the right chest centered 1/4 inch above the pocket. If wearing name tags, center 1/4 inch above the name tag. When wearing large medals, center the full-size Command Insignia 1/4 inch above the right chest pocket. If wearing ribbons on the right side, position the insignia 1/4 inch above the ribbons. On the women's uniform without pockets, position the insignia on the right side equivalent to the position of the medals.

On men's dinner and formal dress jackets, wear the miniature device on the right lapel, centered 3 1/2 inches below the notch. Women wear command insignia centered on the right side one-third of the distance between the shoulder seam and coat hem.

Previous command:

If worn without ribbons or medals, center the miniature insignia 1/4 inch above the left pocket.

If worn with ribbons, center the miniature insignia on the left pocket flap above the button. Women wear the insignia 1/4 inch above the left pocket flap or equivalent location. When wearing two previously earned miniature insignia, wear them on the left pocket flap, symmetrically centered on either side of the button, with the most recently earned device placed inboard. When wearing ribbons and another breast device on the pocket flap, center the command insignia 1/4 inch below the flap's lower edge.

When wearing large medals, wear the full size command insignia on the left chest pocket 1/4 inch below the bottom of the medals. If wearing two with large medals, the command insignias may extend below the pocket edges. Women wear the insignia(s) 1/4 inch above their medals.

On dinner dress and formal dress blue jackets, men center the insignia on the left lapel approximately 3 1/2 inches below the notch. Women center command insignia on the left lapel one-third of the distance between the shoulder seam and coat hem.

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Women may adjust the standard spacing if needed to enhance the insignia's appearance on the uniform.

When wearing an identification badge, wear the Command at Sea or Command Ashore Insignia above the badge. When wearing the dinner dress jacket uniform, wear the Command at Sea or Command Ashore Insignia above the miniature medals and the identification badge below them.

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2.B. OFFICER SLEEVE & SHOULDER INSIGNIA

2.B.1. OFFICER IDENTIFICATION STRIPES

Officer identification shall be indicated by a single stripe or various combination of stripes of 2 inch, 1/2 inch, or 1/4 inch wide gold lace, encircling the sleeves on blue dress coats and blue dinner dress jackets.

The following tables show the officer identification stripes worn on the uniform:








Officer Identification Stripes Table 1

Sleeve Insignia	Rank	Number of 1/4 inch gold stripe(s)	Number of 1/2 inch gold stripe(s)	Number of 2 inch gold stripe(s)
	Ensign O-1	0	1	0
	Lieutenant Junior Grade O-2	1	1	0
	Lieutenant O-3	0	2	0
	Lieutenant Commander O-4	1	2	0
	Commander O-5	0	3	0
	Captain O-6	0	4	0

Officer Identification Stripes Table 1

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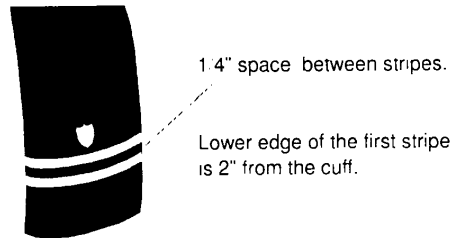
Sleeve Insignia	Rank	Number of 1/2 inch gold stripe(s)	Number of 2 inch gold stripe(s)	Number of blue breaks in 1/2 gold stripe(s)
	Rear Admiral (Lower Half) O-7	0	1	0
	Rear Admiral O-8	1	1	0
	Vice Admiral O-9	2	1	0
	Admiral O-10	3	1	0
	Chief Warrant Officer CWO2	0	0	3
	Chief Warrant Officer CWO3	0	0	2
	Chief Warrant Officer CWO4	0	0	1

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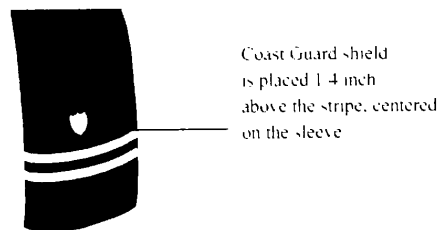
2.B.1.a. Officer Identification Insignia Manner of Wear

The lower edge of the first stripe shall be 2 inches from the edge of the cuff with 1/4 inch intervals between stripes. The largest stripe is the one closest to the cuff.

The Chief Warrant Officer breaks in the stripe of the sleeve insignia shall be centered on the outer face of the sleeve.



Shield insignia on all service dress and dinner dress uniforms shall be embroidered gold lace. Officers shall wear the shield on both sleeves 1/4 inch above the gold lace sleeve stripes



2.B.2. CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SPECIALTY INSIGNIA

Chief warrant officers shall wear the specialty insignia on the sleeves of the dress blue coat and dinner dress blue jacket.



Aviation Engineering: Two Bladed vertical propeller embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the wings parallel to the stripe.



Boatswain: two crossed fouled anchors embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the crowns down.

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Naval Engineering: three bladed propeller embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with two blades down.



Communications: four lightning bolts embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension parallel to the stripe, narrow end of the device to the front.



Medical Administration: a caduceus embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the staff perpendicular to the stripe.



Physician's Assistant: a caduceus with sprigs of oak leaves and acorns at the base.



Finance & Supply: a sprig of three oak leaves embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension parallel to the stripe, stem down and to the front.



Material Maintenance: a carpenter's square embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the right angle down and the arm inscribed with measurement lines to the front.

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Bandmaster: a lyre embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the longer dimension perpendicular to the stripe and the base down.



Port Safety & Security: a diamond shaped emblem with a law enforcement badge in its center.



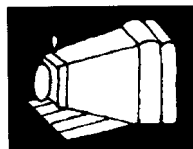
Electronics: a helium atom embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the horizontal electron orbit parallel to the stripe; diagonal electron orbit with bottom to the front.



Weapons: a flaming spherical shell embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the flame upward.



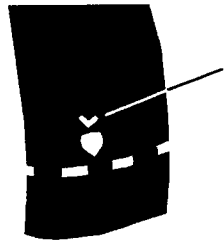
Personnel Administration: two crossed quill pens embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve with the nibs down.



Public Information: a camera embroidered in gold placed on the sleeve in an upright position with the bottom parallel to the stripe and lens aperture to the front.

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The Chief Warrant Officer Specialty Insignia is worn on the sleeves of the dress blue coat and the dinner dress blue/white jacket as shown below.



CWO Specialty insignia
is placed 1 4 inch above
the Coast Guard shield.

2.B.3. SHOULDER INSIGNIA

Officer's shoulder insignia shall consist of hard shoulder boards, enhanced shoulder boards, or metal grade insignia.

2.B.3.a. Hard Shoulder Boards

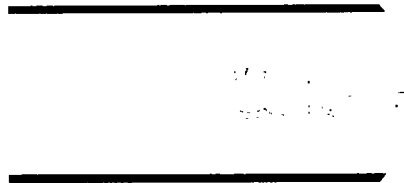
Hard shoulder boards are an insignia indicating the wearer's grade, and in the case of warrant officers, they show the rank and specialty. They are available in either the full or 1/4 size (available for individuals with smaller shoulders).

Hard shoulder boards shall be worn on the following uniforms:

- Service Dress White
- Full Dress White
- Dinner Dress White Jacket
- Reefer coat
- Overcoat
- Bridge coat

2.B.3.a.1. Flag Officers

The shoulder board consists of gold lace with a 1/8 inch blue cloth margin on each side. The board is embroidered with a silver fouled anchor with a silver shield superimposed on the shank.



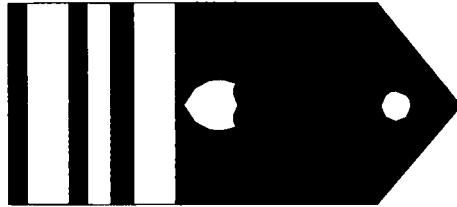
Designation of grade shall consist of embroidered silver stars placed between the crown (bottom) of the anchor and the squared end of the board.

The unfouled stock points to the front of the wearer.

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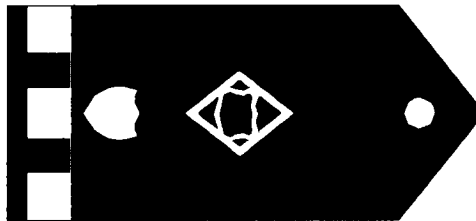
2.B.3.a.2. Other Officers

The shoulder boards consists of gold lace stripes on a blue cloth background. The first stripe starts 1/4 inch from the end of the board, for ensigns 1/2 inch from the end of the board. The stripes and the shield are placed on the shoulder board in the same manner as the sleeves of the service dress blue coat.



2.B.3.a.3. Chief Warrant Officers

The shoulder boards consists of gold stripes with blue break(s) on a blue cloth background and specialty insignia. The width of the blue break(s) is 1/2 inch. The stripe starts 1/2 inch from the end of the board. The stripes, shield, and specialty insignia are placed on the shoulder board in the same manner as the sleeves of the service dress blue coat.



2.B.3.b. Enhanced Shoulder Board

Enhanced shoulder boards are an insignia indicating the wearer's grade and in the case of warrant officers, they show the rank and specialty. They are available in full or 3/4 size (available for individuals with smaller shoulders).

Enhanced shoulder boards shall be worn on the following:

- All shirts having epaulets when worn as a dress uniform
- Wooly-pully sweater

2.B.4. METAL SHOULDER GRADE INSIGNIA

Metal shoulder grade insignia is worn by officers on the epaulets of the following:

- Trench coat
- Windbreaker

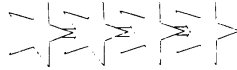
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2.B.4.a. Metal Shoulder Grade Insignia Manner of Wear

The device shall be attached along the center line with the edge of each device 3/4 inch from the straight side of the epaulet.

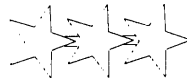
Admiral (O-10)

Consists of four, five-pointed silver stars. The single ray of each star shall point toward the collar.



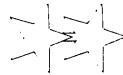
Vice Admiral (O-9)

Consists of three, five-pointed silver stars. The single ray of each star shall point toward the collar.



Rear Admiral (upper half) (O-8)

Consists of two, five-pointed silver stars. The single ray of each star shall point toward the collar.



Rear Admiral (lower half) (O-7)

Consists of one, five-point silver star. The single ray shall point toward the wearer's collar.



Captain (O-6)

Consists of a silver spread eagle. The eagle's head is placed toward the collar and facing to the front.



Commander (O-5)

Consists of a silver oak leaf. The stem of the leaf shall point outwards of the collar.



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Lieutenant Commander (0-4)

Consists of a gold oak leaf. The tip of the leaf shall point towards the collar.



Lieutenant (0-3)

Consists of two silver bars attached at the ends. The short side of each bar faces fore and aft.



Lieutenant (junior grade) (0-2)

Consists of one silver bar. The short side of each bar faces fore and aft.



Ensign (0-1)

Consists of one gold bar. The short side of each bar faces fore and aft.



The Chief Warrant Officer metal shoulder grade insignia consists of a bar having a dark blue enamel background, with silver or gold markings which denotes the grade. The short side of each bar faces fore and aft.

CW02

Consists of two gold breaks



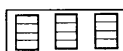
CW03

Consists of one silver break.



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Consists of two silver breaks



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2.C. COLLAR & HEAD GEAR INSIGNIA, OFFICER

2.C.1. COLLAR INSIGNIA

Collar insignia shall be either metal or sewn-on, indicating the wearer's grade, and also in the case of warrant officers, their specialty. The insignia is worn on both collar points of uniform shirts.

Officers (other than Chief Warrant Officers). Officer collar grade insignias are dimensionally smaller but of the same design as the metal shoulder grade insignia.

Chief Warrant Officers. The right collar insignia of Chief Warrant Officers denotes rank. It is dimensionally smaller but of the same design as the metal shoulder grade insignia. The left collar insignia shall consist of one of the specialty insignias listed in chapter 2.B.2., Chief Warrant Officer Specialty Insignia.

For Chief Warrant Officers, the top and base of the specialty insignia are as pictured in chapter 2.B.2.

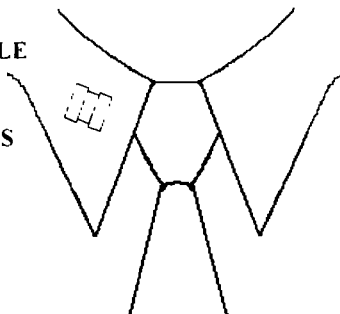
2.C.1.a. Manner of Wear

All officers shall wear collar insignia on the collar points of the following shirts:

Working blue
Undress blue
Winter Dress Blue (CPO) shirt

For Chief Warrant Officers, and officers O-1 through O-6, when wearing the light blue long and short sleeved shirts, and the Winter Dress Blue (CPO) shirt the insignia shall be centered parallel to the inner edge of the collar. Center the device on the collar between the visible top and bottom collar edges with the center of the device 1 inch from the inner edge.

**DEVICE CENTERED
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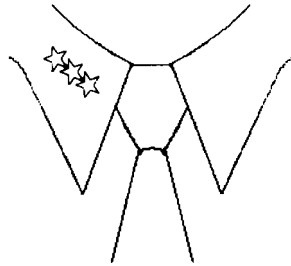
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For the old style light blue shirt without the epaulets wear the collar devices the same as for the working blue shirts.

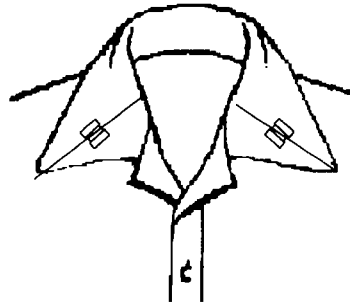
For Chief Warrant Officers, the top and base of the specialty insignia are as pictured in chapter 2.B.2.

For 0-7 through 0-10, center the device on the collar between the visible top and bottom collar edges with the first star of the device 1 inch from the inner edge of the collar, with the single ray of each star pointing toward the upper edge of the collar.



**DEVICE CENTERED BETWEEN THE VISIBLE TOP
AND BOTTOM EDGES AND CENTER OF DEVICE IS
1 INCH FROM THE INNER COLLAR**

For working blue shirts and women's short sleeve light blue shirts without pockets, the insignia shall be centered on the collar, along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.



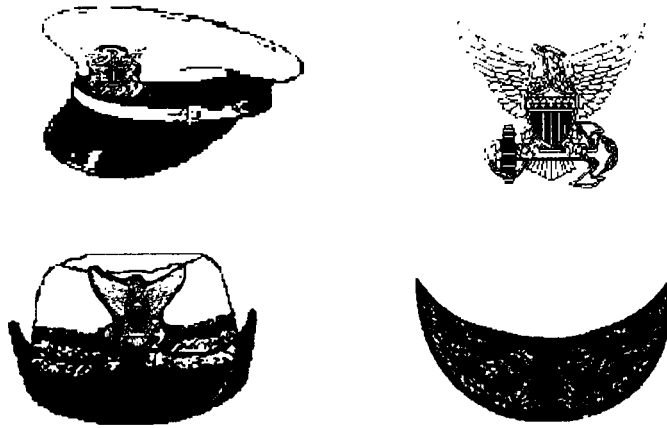
**CENTERED ON COLLAR, ALONG IMAGINARY
LINE BISECTING COLLAR POINT**

2.C.2. HEADGEAR INSIGNIA

2.C.2.a. Combination Cap

Combination Cap. For all Officers, the combination cap device shall consist of a gold spread eagle approximately 2 3/4 inches high. The cap device may be embroidered or made of metal with appropriate plating to simulate gold or silver. The device shall be attached to the mount of the combination cap band.

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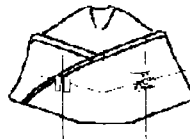
2.C.2.b. Tiara

Tiara. The insignia on the tiara shall be an embroidered cap device such as the eagle on the combination cap. It is placed in the center of the of the appropriate ornamentation, similar to that prescribed for the combination cap visor.



2.C.2.c. Garrison Cap

Garrison Cap. For all officers, the left device on the garrison cap shall consist of the miniature version of the eagle worn on the combination cap. The right device on the garrison cap shall consist of the same design as the collar rank insignia. The insignia devices are positioned on the left or the right equally.



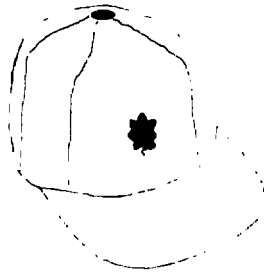
**THE CENTER OF THE DEVICE
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THE BOTTEM EDGE OF THE CAP**

**THE CENTER OF THE DEVICE
IS PLACED 2 INCHES RIGHT OR
LEFT OF THE FRONT CREASE**

2.C.2.d. Working Blue and Unit Ball Cap

Working Blue and Unit Ball Cap. Officers shall wear rank/grade collar insignia on the working blue and unit ball cap which is the same as the garrison cap. All devices shall be centered 1 1/4 inches above the visor, or centered on the front of the cap so as not to interfere with the lettering.

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**CENTER OF DEVICE
IS 1 1/4" ABOVE VISOR.**

**CENTERED IN MIDDLE
HAT FRONT.**

Working Blue and Unit Ball Cap

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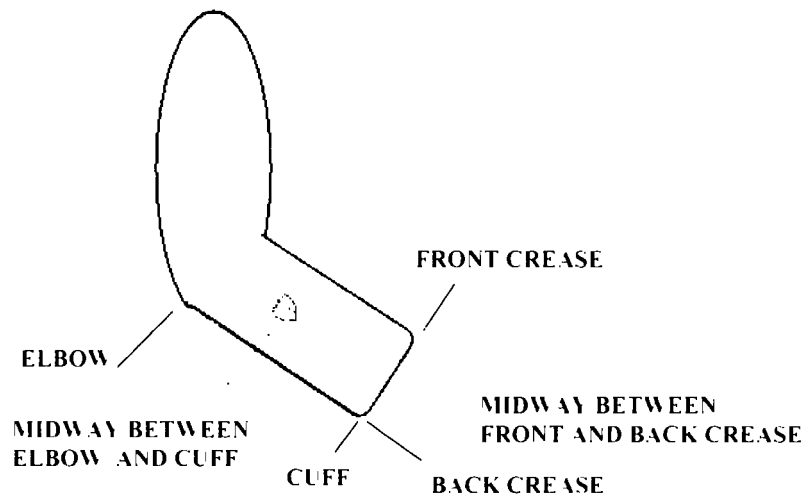
2.D. ENLISTED SLEEVE INSIGNIA

2.D.1. COAST GUARD SHIELD SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Shield insignia on all service dress and dinner dress uniforms are embroidered gold lace with the background of the same color as the jacket. The shield insignia will be machine or hand stitched in place using thread the color of the uniform with a minimum of six stitches per inch.

2.D.1.a. Coast Guard Shield Sleeve Insignia Manner of Wear

Enlisted personnel will wear one gold shield sleeve insignia on the outer right sleeve.



2.D.2. ENLISTED SERVICE STRIPES

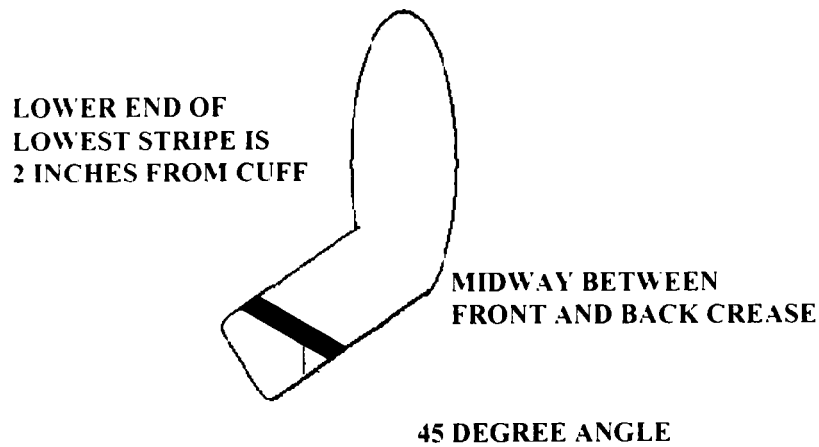
Enlisted service stripes consist of embroidered diagonal stripes to indicate the length of service. One service stripe shall be worn for each full 4 years of active or reserve service in any of the Armed Forces or any combination thereof. Each stripe shall be 5 1/4 inches long, 3/8 inch wide.

The color of the service stripes will be scarlet for E-1 through E-6 and gold for E-7 through E-9 and the MCPO-CG with the background the same color as the jacket.

2.D.2.a. Enlisted Service Stripes Manner of Wear

The stripes are worn on the outer left sleeve of the blue service dress coat and dinner dress jacket. When more than one stripe is worn they shall be spaced 1/4-inch apart. All stripes will be machine or hand stitched in place using thread the color of the uniform with a minimum six stitches per inch.

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2.D.3. ENLISTED GROUP-RATE MARKS

Enlisted group-rate marks for pay grades E-1 through E-3 shall consist of short diagonal stripe(s) sewn on a blue background.

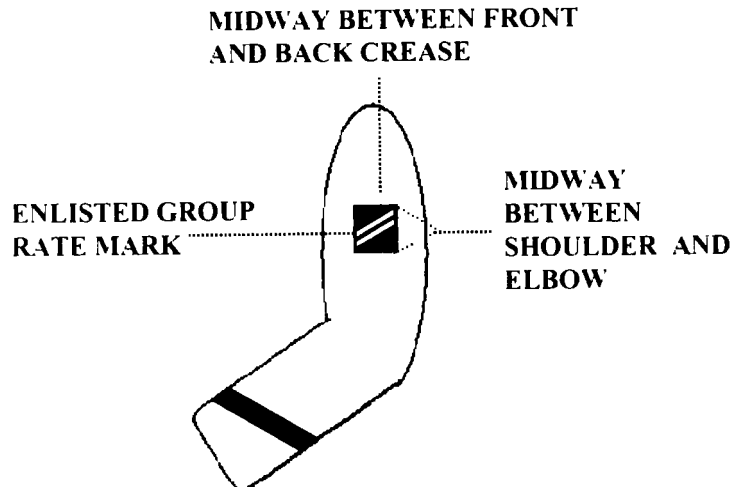
White stripes indicate seaman recruit (E-1), seaman apprentice (E-2), or seaman (E-3)

Red stripes indicate firemen apprentice (E-2) or firemen (E-3)

Green stripes indicate airmen apprentice (E-2) or airmen (E-3)

2.D.3.a. Enlisted Group-Rate Marks Manner of Wear




The group-rate marks shall be sewn on the outer side of the left sleeve of the blue service dress coat. The lower end of the diagonal stripe(s) are placed facing to the front. All group-rate marks will be machine or hand stitched in place using thread the color of the uniform with a minimum six stitches per inch.



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2.D.3.b. Enlisted Group-Rate Marks Table

The following table illustrates various group non-rate marks.

Badges	Rate	Number of Stripes	Color of Stripes
	E-1	1	White
	E-2	2	White, Red, or Green
	E-3	3	White, Red, or Green

2.D.4. ENLISTED STRIKER MARKS/SPECIALTY MARKS

Specialty marks designate enlisted personnel, pay grades E-2 and E-3, for the rating of which they are qualified. Striker marks are on a blue background and consist of the same type of specialty insignia used in pay grades E-4 through E-9.

2.D.4.a. Enlisted Striker Marks/Specialty Marks Manner of Wear

Enlisted striker mark is placed on the left coat sleeve, centered directly above and on the seam of the group rate mark. The striker mark shall be machine or hand stitched in place using thread the color of the uniform with a minimum six stitches per inch.

**ENLISTED
STRIKER MARK**



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2.D.5. RATING BADGE

The rating badge indicates the wearer's rate and rating. It consist of:

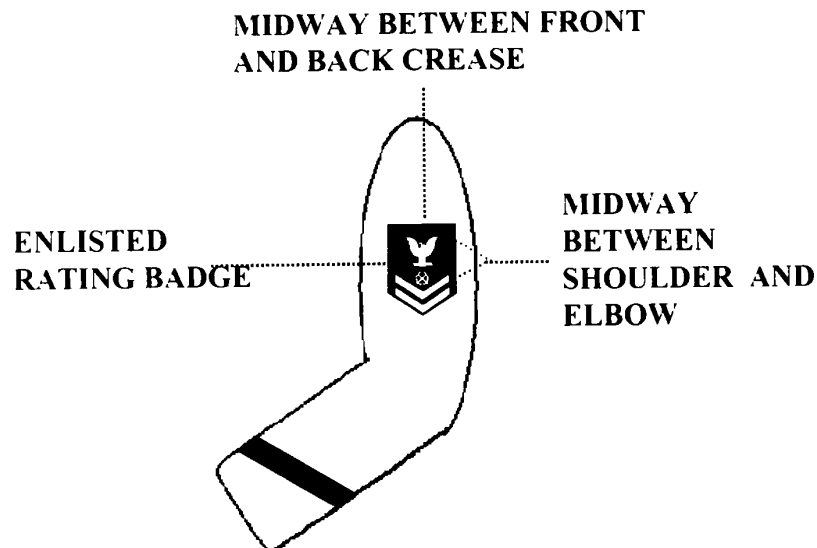
A perched eagle with the wings extended upward and the head to eagle's right
Chevron(s) and star(s) indicate the wearer's rate
A specialty mark placed between the eagle and the chevron(s) indicating the wearer's rating. Commandant designated Enlisted Advisors shall wear a silver shield in lieu of the specialty insignia.



The rating badge shall be sewn on the outer side of the left sleeve of the blue service dress coat and dinner dress jacket. The color of the chevrons are scarlet for E-6 through E-4 and gold for MCPO-CG and E-9 through E-7, the background is the same color as the jacket.

2.D.5.a. Rating Badge Manner of Wear

All rating badges shall be machine or hand stitched in place using thread the color of the uniform with a minimum six stitches per inch. They shall be placed on the left sleeve of the Service Dress Blue Coat as shown in the diagram below.



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2.D.5.b. Rating Badge Table

Badges	Rating	Number of Chevron(s)	Color of Chevron(s)	Number of stars
	Third Class Petty Officer E-4	1	Scarlet	0
	Second Class Petty Officer E-5	2	Scarlet	0
	First Class Petty Officer E-6	3	Scarlet	0
	Chief Petty Officer E-7	3 with 1 inverted rocker	Gold	0
	Senior Chief Petty Officer E-8	3 with 1 inverted rocker	Gold	1
	Master Chief Petty Officer E-9	3 with 1 inverted rocker	Gold	2

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	Aviation Structural Mechanic (AM)	2
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	Boatswain's Mate (BM)	3
	Damage Controlman (DC)	3
	Data Processor (DP)	3
	Electrician's Mate (EM)	3
	Electronics Technician (ET)	3
	Fire Control Technician (FT)	3
	Food Service Specialist (FS)	3
	Gunner's Mate (GM)	4
	Health Services Technician (HS)	4
	Investigator (IV)	4
	Machinery Technician (MK)	4
	Marine Science Technician (MST)	4
	Musician (MU)	5
	Public Affairs Specialist (PA)	5
	Port Securityman (PS)	5
	Quartermaster (QM)	5
	Radarman (RD)	5
	Telecommunications Specialist (TC)	5
	Storekeeper (SK)	6
	Telephone Technician (TT)	6
	Yeoman (YN)	6

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2.E. ENLISTED SPECIALTY MARKS

The Coast Guard enlisted specialty marks identify the ratings for which personnel are qualified.



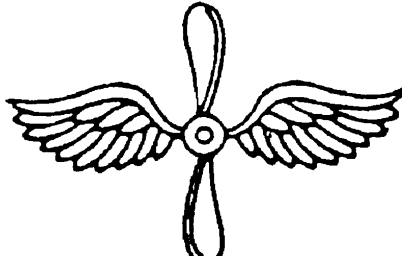
AVIATION ELECTRICIAN'S MATE (AE)

A winged globe with lines of embroidery representing lines of latitude and longitude.



AVIATION ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (AT)

A winged helium atom about which revolve two atoms.



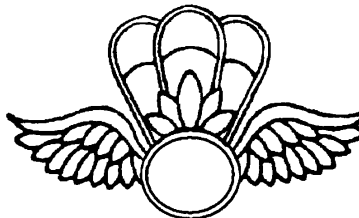
AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE (AD)

A two bladed winged propeller.



AVIATION STRUCTURAL MECHANIC (AM)

Winged crossed mauls with the heads up.



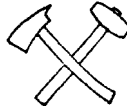
AVIATION SURVIVALMAN (ASM)

A winged flaming spherical shell with parachute.

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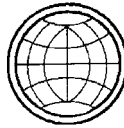
BOATSWAIN'S MATE (BM)
Crossed anchors with crowns down.



DAMAGE CONTROLMAN (DC)
Crossed fired ax and maul with handles down and ax blade to the front.



DATA PROCESSOR (DP)
A quill over a cog (Reserve Specific)



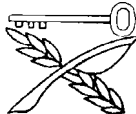
ELECTRICIAN'S MATE (EM)
A globe with lines of embroidery representing lines of latitude and longitude.



ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET)
A helium atom about which revolve two electrons.

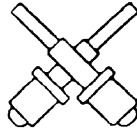


FIRE CONTROL TECHNICIAN (FT)
A range finder.



FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST
Crossed quill and wheat spike with a key across the top.

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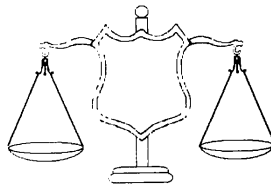
GUNNER'S MATE (GM)

Crossed gun barrels with muzzles up.



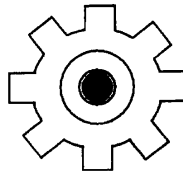
HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN (HS)

A caduceus.



INVESTIGATOR (IV)

Scales of justice with a superimposed law enforcement badge
(Reserve Specific)



MACHINERY TECHNICIAN (MK)

A gear.



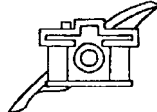
MARINE SCIENCE TECHNICIAN (MST)

A trident rising through waves.

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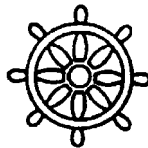
MUSICIAN (MU)
A lyre



PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST (PA)
A camera surcharged with a quill pen.



PORT SECURITYMAN (PS)
Block letters "PS" superimposed on a law enforcement badge.
(Reserve Specific)



QUARTERMASTER (QM)
A ship's helm.

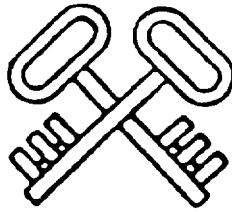


RADARMAN (RD)
An A-scope superimposed on an arrow, Arrow is pointing diagonally upward and to the front.



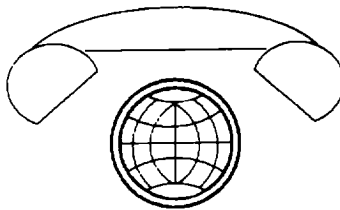
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (TC)
Four sparks with points to the front.

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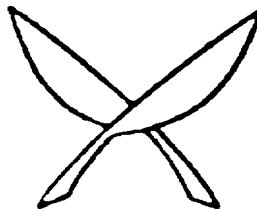
STOREKEEPER (SK)

Crossed keys with stems down and webs outward.



TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN (TT)

A globe with lines of embroidery representing lines of latitude and longitude, with a French type telephone above it.



YEOMAN (YN)

Crossed quill pens with nibs pointing down.

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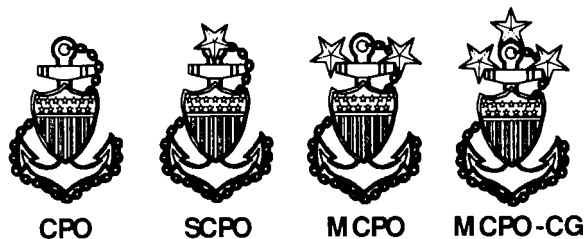
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2.F. ENLISTED COLLAR & HEAD GEAR INSIGNIA

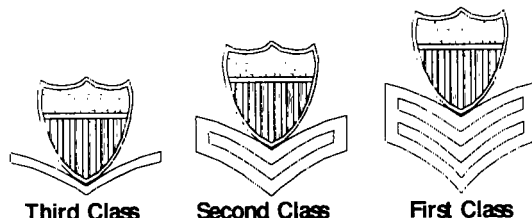
2.F.1. COLLAR INSIGNIA

Collar insignia shall consist of metal pin on, clutch type insignia, or embroidered collar devices indicating the wearer's grade. The insignia is worn on both collar points of uniform shirts.

The chief petty officer collar insignia shall consist of a 15/16 inch gold metal fouled anchor with a silver shield superimposed on the shank. One, two, or three stars are attached to the stock to designate senior and master chief petty officers and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, respectively.



The petty officer collar insignia consists of one, two, or three metal, gold chevrons indicating Third Class, Second Class, and First Class respectively; mounted under a silver Coast Guard shield.



Subdued (Darkened, Non-Reflective) Insignia

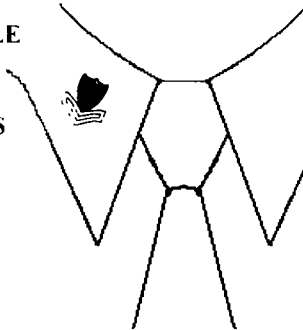
During wartime or other emergencies conditions, the senior officer present may require subdued insignia for all personnel when the wearing of normal bright finish insignia would be considered hazardous. The insignia must be obtained from other services.

2.F.1.a. Manner of Wear

Enlisted personnel shall wear collar insignia on both collar points of all shirts except for white dress. Embroidered collar devices may be worn by in lieu of the metal collar insignia on the working blue shirts only. On all light blue long and short sleeved shirts, and the Winter Dress Blue (CPO) shirt the insignia shall be centered parallel to the inner edge of the collar. Center the device on the collar between the visible top and bottom collar edges with the center of the device 1 inch from the inner edge.

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**DEVICE CENTERED
BETWEEN THE VISIBLE
TOP AND BOTTOM
COLLAR EDGES AND
CENTER OF DEVICE IS
1 INCH FROM THE
INNER EDGE**



**DEVICE CENTERED BETWEEN THE VISIBLE TOP AND BOTTOM COLLAR
EDGES AND CENTER OF DEVICE IS 1 INCH FROM THE INNER EDGE**

For the old style light blue shirt without the epaulets wear the collar devices the same as for the working blue shirts.

For working blue shirts and women's short sleeve light blue shirts without pockets, the insignia shall be centered on the collar, along an imaginary line bisecting the angle of the collar point.

**CENTERED ON
COLLAR, ALONG
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BISECTING ANGLE
OF COLLAR POINT**



**CENTERED ON COLLAR, ALONG IMAGINARY LINE BISECTING ANGLE OF
COLLAR POINT**

2.F.2. HEADGEAR INSIGNIA

2.F.2.a. Combination Cap

Combination Cap. For chief petty officers E-7 through E-9 and MCPO-CG, the combination cap device worn shall consist of a gold-colored fouled anchor 1 3/4 inches long including ring and fouling with the appropriate number of stars affixed to the ring/stock of the anchor. The appearance of the device is the same as the collar device. The device shall be attached to the mount of the combination cap.

For enlisted personnel E-6 and below, the device shall consist of a 1 3/4 inch silver and gold Coast Guard medallion. The device shall be attached to the mount of the combination cap.

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2.F.2.b. Garrison Cap

Garrison Cap. For chief petty officers E-7 through E-9 and MCPO-CG, the device shall consist of the miniature version of the anchor worn on the combination cap approximately 1 3/8 inches in length. The device is positioned on the left side of the hat. For enlisted personnel E-4 through E-6, the garrison cap device shall consist of the collar grade rank device. The device is positioned on the left side of the cap. For enlisted personnel E-3 and below the garrison cap device shall consist of the miniature version of the silver and gold Coast Guard medallion, approximately 1 inch in size. The device is positioned on the left side of the cap.



**THE CENTER OF THE DEVICE
IS PLACED 1 1/2 INCHES FROM
THE BOTTOM EDGE OF THE CAP**

**THE CENTER OF THE DEVICE IS PLACED 2 INCHES
LEFT OF THE FRONT CREASE**

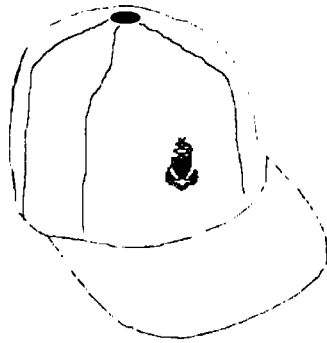
2.F.2.c. Working Blue and Unit Ball Cap Insignia

Working Blue and Unit Ball Cap. The devices worn on the working blue and unit ball cap may be standard metal or embroidered collar insignia.

All enlisted personnel E-4 and above shall wear rank/grade collar insignia on the working blue and unit ball cap which is the same as the garrison cap.

For enlisted personnel E-3 and below, the device shall consist of the silver and gold medallion, approximately 1 inch in length, which is also worn on the garrison hat.

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**CENTER OF DEVICE
IS 1 1/4" ABOVE VISOR.**

**CENTERED IN MIDDLE
HAT FRONT.**

**CENTER OF DEVICE IS 1 1/4" ABOVE VISOR.
CENTERED IN MIDDLE OF HAT FRONT.**

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2.G. GENERAL ATTACHMENTS

2.G.1. NAME TAGS AND NAME TAPES

Name tags are required on the following uniforms:

Working blue
Undress blue
Tropical blue
Service Dress Alpha and Bravo

The name tag may be prescribed by commanding officers and unit commanders on the shirt of the Service Dress Bravo uniform when worn in the office environment without an outer garment.
Winter Dress Blue (CPO) shirt

Winter Undress Blue (CPO) shirt

On uniforms requiring name tags, the placement will be as follows:

Will be centered 1/4 inch above the top of the right chest pocket. On the women's light blue shirt without pockets, the name tag will be worn on the right chest midway between the second and third button.

On the women's double knit Service Dress Blue coat, the name tag will be worn on the right chest 1 1/2 to 2 inches above an imaginary line drawn from the top button corresponding to ribbon placement.

Cloth name tapes are approved for optional wear on the Working Blue shirts.

2.G.1.a. Manner of Wear for Cloth Name Tapes

The cloth name tapes will consist of a background color matching the working blue shirt material with white block letters between 1/2 and 3/4 inch high. Both name tapes will be the same height. When cloth name tapes are worn, both the wearer's name tape and the "U.S. Coast Guard" name tape will be worn. The cloth name tape with the wearer's name will be centered directly above the wearer's right chest pocket. The "U.S. Coast Guard" name tape will be centered directly above the wearer's left chest pocket. Tapes will be sewn on with matching blue thread, using a minimum of six stitches per inch.

Auxiliary Working Blue Uniform

For auxiliary personnel, the name tape worn above the left chest pocket of the working blue uniform will bear the words "U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary."

2.G.2. AWARDS

Coast Guard Awards are those awards described in the Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series) which are authorized for wear by U.S. Coast Guard personnel. The precedence of the awards are also listed in COMDTINST M1650.25 (series).

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Coast Guard personnel who have received awards from other military Services or departments of the United States Government, foreign governments, or other agencies will wear such awards on the Coast Guard uniform only as prescribed.

When referencing awards, the following terms will be used:

Award

An all-inclusive term covering any decoration, medal, badge, ribbon, or an attachment thereof, bestowed upon an individual.

Decoration

An award bestowed upon an individual for a specific individual act of gallantry or meritorious service.

Unit Award

An award made to an operating unit and worn only by members of that unit who participated in the cited action.

Service Award

An award made to those who have participated in designated wars, campaigns, expeditions, or who have fulfilled in a creditable manner specified service requirements.

Medal

An award presented to an individual for performance of certain duties, acts, or services. Medals consist of a suspension ribbon made in distinctive colors from which hangs a medallion.

Miniature Medal

A replica of a large medal, made to a 1/2 scale of the original.
Note: The Medal of Honor does not have a miniature medal.

Badge

An award to an individual for some special proficiency which consists of a medallion often hung from a bar or bars.

Ribbon or Ribbon Bar

Consists of a portion of the suspension ribbon of a medal, and is worn in lieu of the medal. The dimensions of the ribbon will be 1 3/8 inches x 3/8 inch.

Rosette

Lapel device made by gathering the suspension ribbon of the medal into a circular shape.

Lapel button

A miniature replica of the ribbon or ribbon bar.

Attachment

Any appurtenance such as a star, letter device, clasp or other device worn on the suspension ribbon of a medal or on the ribbon (ribbon bar).

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2.G.2.a. Foreign Awards

All foreign personal awards must be approved for wear by G-WPM. Approved foreign awards and instructions on wearing foreign awards will be handled on an individual basis by G-WPM-3. No foreign awards will be worn on the uniform unless at least one U.S. award is worn at the same time.

2.G.2.b. Ribbons

A ribbon is a form of an award which may or may not be accompanied by a medal. Ribbons will be worn centered on the left chest of the following uniforms:

- Tropical blue
- Service dress Bravo
- Service dress Alpha
- Service dress white
- Winter dress blue

When wearing ribbons and large medals the ribbons which do not have large medals will be worn centered on the right chest. If the individual has more than one ribbon without a medal, the senior ribbon is the minimum required. Ribbons worn with large medals will be worn with the following uniforms:

- Full dress blue
- Full dress white

Ribbons are worn with a maximum of three in a single row. When more than three ribbons are worn, the uppermost row will contain the lesser number and the center of this row is to be over the center of the row below it.

When the number of rows is so great as to cause the ribbons to be concealed by the service coat lapel (one third or more of a ribbon concealed), ribbon bars may be placed in successively decreasing rows; i.e., 3-ribbon rows, 2-ribbon rows, single ribbon (so long as at least two thirds of the ribbon is visible). The left edge of all decreasing rows will be in line vertically. If the uppermost row presents an unsatisfactory appearance when so aligned, it will be placed in the position presenting the neatest appearance; usually centered over the row immediately below it.

On uniforms requiring ribbons, the placement of the lower edge of the bottom row will be as follows:

- Will be centered 1/4 inch above the top of the left chest pocket
- On the women's short sleeve light blue shirt, ribbons will be worn on the left chest midway between the second and third button

- On the women's double knit service dress blue coat, ribbons will be worn on the left chest 1 1/2 to 2 inches above an imaginary line drawn from the top button, corresponding to name tag placement

Ribbon Precedence:

When the wearing of ribbons is required, members must wear either all ribbons authorized or their senior three ribbons.

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When the ribbons are worn on the left chest, the arrangement of ribbons will be by precedence from top down, and from the wearer's inboard to outboard.

When the ribbons are worn on the right chest, the arrangement of ribbons will be by precedence from top down, and from the wearer's left to right.

When large medals are prescribed, awards not having large medals will be worn centered on the right chest in the same relative position as the holding bar of the lowest row of medals.

Attachment to Uniform:

Ribbons may be sewn to uniforms or arranged on a bar or bars to be attached to the uniform, or they may be block mounted. They will not be impregnated with preservatives which change the appearance of ribbons, nor will they be worn with transparent covering of any sort.

Display of Ribbons with Asymmetrical Design:

Ribbons which have an asymmetrical color design, or which have stars or gold frames as part of the design, will be displayed as follows:

Medal of Honor Ribbon: The stars should form an M with the single ray of all stars pointing up.

Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon: The blue stripe will be uppermost.

Merchant Marine Mariner's Ribbon: The red stripe will be to the wearer's right.

World War II Theater Ribbons: The blue stripe in the center will be to the wearer's right.

Navy Occupations Service Ribbon: The black stripe will be to the wearer's right.

Merchant Marine Combat Bar: The light blue stripe will be uppermost.

Philippine Defense Ribbon: The stars will form a triangle base down.

Philippine Liberation Ribbon: The blue stripe in the center will be to the wearer's right.

Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon: The blue stripe will be to the wearer's right, worn with gold frame.

Korean Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon: The red portion of the circular device in the center will be the uppermost worn with gold frame.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal: The blue stripe in the center will be to the wearer's right.

Combat Action Ribbon: The outermost blue stripe will be to the wearer's right.

2.G.2.b.1. Wearing of Ribbons on Civilian Clothes

Miniature replicas of ribbons made in the form of lapel buttons, or ribbons made in rosette form, may be worn on the left lapel of civilian clothes except civilian evening dress (white tie), and civilian dinner dress (black tie).

2.G.2.b.2. Wearing of Ribbons on Nonmilitary Uniforms

The wearing of service ribbons on nonmilitary uniforms by personnel who earned the ribbons while serving as a member of the Coast Guard is permitted, provided that the

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organization under whose auspices the nonmilitary uniform is furnished or required also permits the custom.

2.G.3. MEDALS

A medal is an award presented to an individual for the performance of certain duties, acts, or services. The plating or polishing of medals is prohibited.

2.G.3.a. Medal Precedence

The arrangement of medals will be by seniority from top down, and from the wearer's inboard to outboard.

A minimum of five must be worn by those possessing five or more. Personnel with five or less, must wear all medals in their possession.

When either large or miniature medals are prescribed, the Medal of Honor pendant is worn from a suspension ribbon placed around the neck.

When the Medal of Honor is worn with the officer's white service coat, the ribbon will pass outside the coat collar.
When the Medal of Honor is worn with all other coats, the ribbon will pass between the shirt and coat collar.

2.G.3.b. Manner of Wear for Large Medals

Large medals will be worn on the left chest of full dress uniforms. When more than one medal is worn, they will be suspended from a holding bar of metal or other material of sufficient stiffness to support the weight of the medals.

A row of medals will consist of three medals side by side or up to five medals overlapping. Overlapping will be equal; the right (inboard) medal will show in full.

The bar will be 4 1/8 inches wide and each row of medals will be 3 1/4 inches long from the top of the ribbons to the bottom of the medals, so that the bottoms of the medals dress in a horizontal line. Upper rows of medals, if worn, will be mounted so these medals cover the suspension ribbons of the medals below.

On uniforms requiring medals, the placement of the lower edge of the holding bar will be as follows:

Centered 1/4 inch above the top of the left chest pocket.
On the women's old style service dress blue coat, medals will be worn on the left chest 1 1/2 to 2 inches above an imaginary line drawn from the top button, corresponding to ribbon placement.

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2.G.3.b.1. Medals Per Row

When more than one row is worn, the following applies:

Number of medals to be worn	Prescribed Number of Rows	Top Row	2nd Row	3rd Row	4th Row
1-5	1	1-5	-	-	-
6	2	3	3	-	-
7	2	3	4	-	-
8	2	4	4	-	-
9	2	4	5	-	-
10	2	5	5	-	-
11	3	3	4	4	-
12	3	4	4	4	-
13	3	3	5	5	-
14	3	4	5	5	-
15	3	5	5	5	-
16	4	4	4	4	4

2.G.3.c. Manner of Wear for Miniature Medals

Miniature medals will be worn on the left chest of the following uniforms:

Dinner Dress
Formal Dress

Up to five miniature medals in a row may be worn. Overlap is not authorized. Each row of miniatures will be 2 1/4 inches long from the top of the ribbons to bottom of the medals so that bottom of medals dress in a horizontal line. Upper row of medals will be positioned so these medals cover the ribbons of the medals below. On uniforms requiring medals, the placement of the lower edge of the holding bar will be as follows:

Positioned 3 inches below the notch and centered on lapel, when worn on the male Formal Dress and Dinner Dress jackets.
Centered immediately above the left chest pocket when worn on the male officer's blue or white Service Dress Coat.
Centered on the left pocket flap when worn on the women officers' blue or white Service Dress Coat.
When worn on the women officer's Formal Dress or Dinner Dress jacket uniforms, the holding bar is worn in the same relative position as on the white service coat.

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2.G 3.d. Wearing of Medals on Civilian Clothes

Miniature medals may be worn with civilian evening dress (white tie) in the same manner as prescribed for Formal Dress uniform, and with civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as prescribed for Dinner Dress uniforms. The Medal of Honor, for which there is no miniature, may be worn with civilian evening dress (white tie), and civilian dinner dress (black tie) in the same manner as prescribed for Formal Dress uniform.

2.G.4. INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD (IADB) MEDAL

Coast Guard personnel who have been awarded the IADB medal and ribbon may wear it while assigned to the Inter-American Defense Board. The medal is also referred to as a badge. The medal and ribbon are authorized only when serving on the Inter-American Defense Board, it will not be worn after reassignment.

It is worn in the same manner as the Recruiting Identification Badge. Precedence of the ribbon is contained in the Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series).

2.G.5. RIBBON AND MEDAL ATTACHMENTS

Ribbon and medal attachments are any appurtenance such as a star, letter device, clasp or other device worn on the ribbon or the suspension ribbon of a medal.

2.G.5.a. Gold Stars

Gold stars are worn to denote each subsequent personal military decoration and the following subsequent awards for Coast Guard members:

- Medal of Honor
- Navy Cross
- Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal
- Silver Star
- Legion of Merit
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Coast Guard Medal
- Gold Lifesaving Medal
- Bronze Star Medal
- Purple Heart
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Medal
- Silver Lifesaving Medal
- Coast Guard Commendation Medal
- Navy Commendation Medal
- Coast Guard Achievement Medal
- Navy Achievement Medal

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Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon
Combat Action Ribbon
Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon
Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon
Coast Guard "E" Ribbon
Coast Guard Team Award*

* Note: While the Coast Guard Team Award is not considered a personal award, gold stars are used to denote subsequent awards.

The gold star, 5/16 inch in diameter, is worn on ribbons or the suspension ribbon of large medals.

The gold star, 1/8 inch in diameter, is worn on the suspension ribbon of miniature medals.

2.G.5.b. Silver Stars

The 5/16 inch silver star is worn in lieu of five gold stars (represents the sixth award).

The 3/16 inch silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze stars.

2.G.5.c. Bronze Stars

Bronze stars are worn on unit awards, other than Coast Guard, campaign, and service awards to denote engagements. Bronze stars are authorized to be worn on ribbons, or the suspension ribbon of medals, to denote each subsequent award for the following:

Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon
Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon
Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon
Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal
Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Ribbon
Navy Expeditionary Medal
Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon
Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon
Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon
China Service Medal
Area Campaign Medal
American Campaign Medal
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Korean Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal

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Philippine Defense Ribbon
Philippine Liberation Ribbon

The 3/16 inch bronze star is worn on ribbons and the suspension ribbon of large medals.

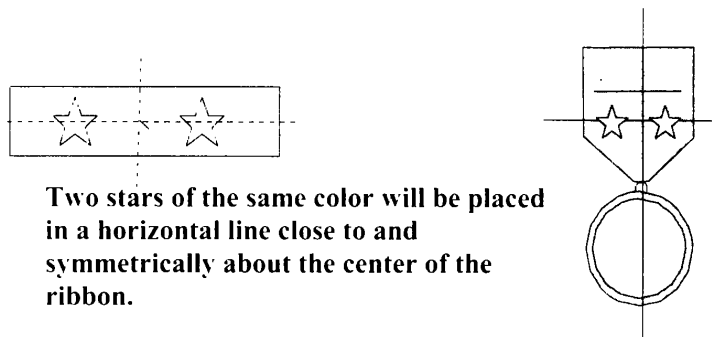
The 1/8 inch bronze star is worn on the suspension ribbon of miniature medals.

2.G.5.d. Manner of Wear for Stars

Silver, gold, and bronze stars will be worn on ribbons or the suspension ribbons of medals.

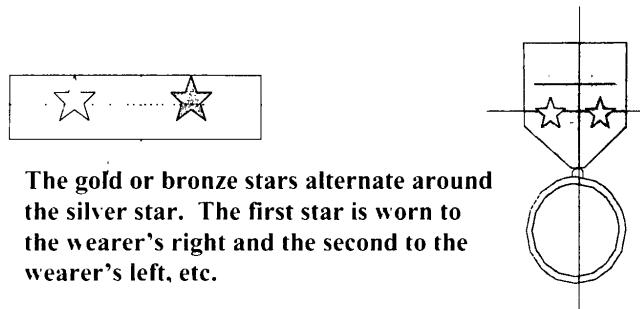
Stars will be placed on the ribbon with two rays pointing down. A single star will be worn centered on the ribbon. A silver star will be located as near to the center of the ribbon as a symmetrical arrangement will permit. If more than one of the same star is worn, they will be placed in a horizontal line close to and symmetrically about the center of the ribbon.

Star device



Two stars of the same color will be placed in a horizontal line close to and symmetrically about the center of the ribbon.

Different stars



The gold or bronze stars alternate around the silver star. The first star is worn to the wearer's right and the second to the wearer's left, etc.

When medals are worn overlapping, all stars may be worn to the wearer's left.

2.G.6. LETTER DEVICE-"E", "M & HOURGLASS", "O", "S", & "V"

Letter devices are worn on ribbons and the suspension ribbons of medals as specified below:

A letter device will be worn centered on the ribbon

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When worn on ribbons and the suspension ribbon of the large medals, the device is a 1/4 inch high block letter.

When worn on the suspension ribbon of the miniature medals, the device is a 1/8 inch high block letter.

2.G.6.a. "E" Letter Device

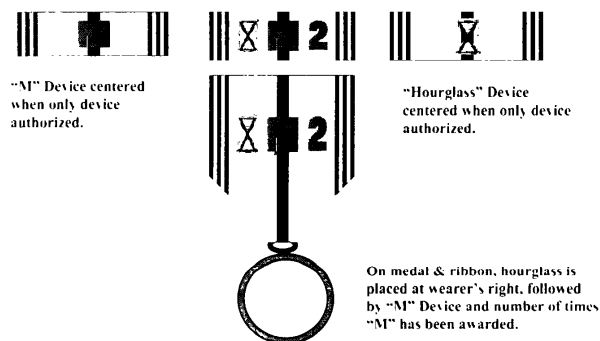
Silver letter "E" devices are worn to denote expert qualification. The "E" device is authorized to be worn on the Coast Guard marksmanship ribbons.

2.G.6.b. "M & Hourglass" Letter Devices

Bronze letter "M" devices are worn to denote Reserve members who volunteered and served on active duty on or after 8/1/90 in support of specific U.S. military operations or contingencies designated by the Secretary of Defense, as defined in Section 101 (A) (13) of Title 10, U.S.C. and includes members who received orders changing their current duty status (legal authority under which they perform duty), their duty location, or assignment to support a contingency operation. The "M" device is authorized to be worn on the Armed Forces Reserve Medal and Ribbon. If not already in possession of the award, the "M" device will be presented with the award. [For participation in two or more applicable contingencies, a gold Arabic numeral device denoting the number ("2", "3", "4", etc.) will be affixed to the left of the "M" device]

Coast Guard Reserve personnel may be awarded the hourglass device, with a Roman numeral "X" superimposed to the Armed Forces Reserve Medal for each 10 years of service. If not already in possession of the award, the hourglass device will be presented with the award. The hourglass is color-coded to denote the completion of successive 10 periods of qualifying service with each replacing the previous service period. The Bronze denotes the first 10 years; silver, the second 10 years; gold, the third 10 years; and 1 gold and 1 bronze, the fourth 10 years of service.

The bronze and silver hourglass devices are centered on the ribbon or the suspension ribbon of a medal and will be 3/8 inch high on the ribbon and the large medal and 1/8 inch high on the miniature medal. The combination gold and bronze devices denoting the fourth 10-year period are centered to the right and left, respectively, of the center of the ribbon or suspension ribbon of the medal. However, when accompanied by the "M" device, the hourglass(es) will be affixed to the right of the "M" device.



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2.G.6.c. "O" Letter Device

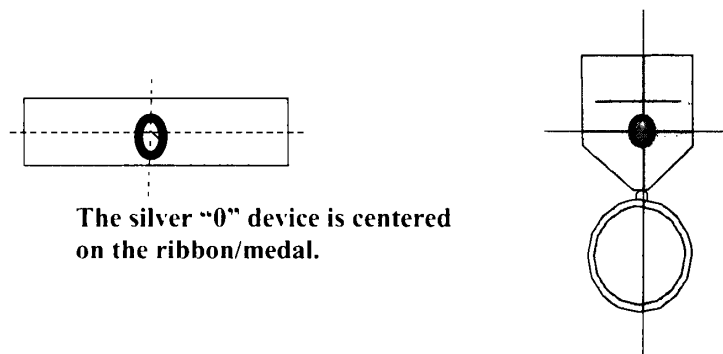
Silver letter "O" devices are worn to denote operational performance. The "O" device is authorized to be worn on the following awards:

Meritorious Service Medal
Coast Guard Commendation Medal
Coast Guard Achievement Medal
Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon
Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon
Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon

2.G.6.d. Manner of Wear for "O" Device

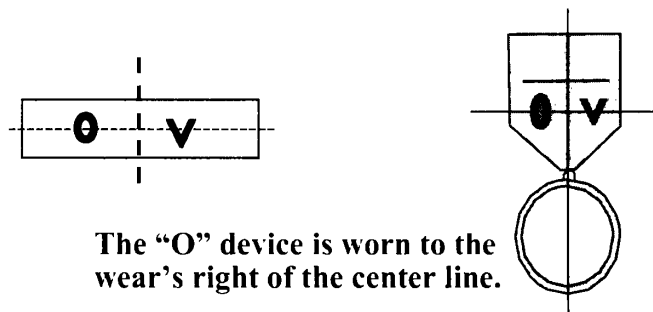
Only one Operational device will be worn on each ribbon or suspension ribbon of medals. The award citation must specifically authorize the "O" device.

Operational "O" device



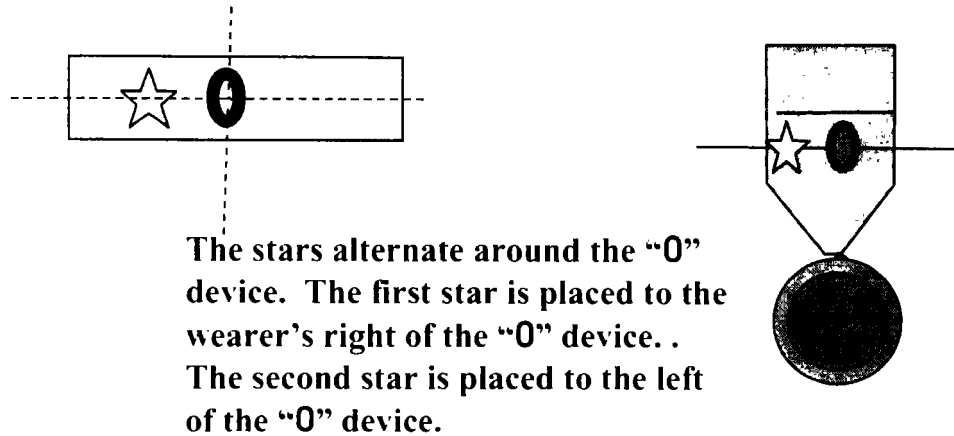
The silver letter "O" device may be worn with a Combat "V", but only if it has been issued for a separate award from the one which authorized the Combat "V". When the Operational "O" and Combat "V" are worn on the same medal/ribbon, the "O" will be worn on the wearer's right.

Silver "O" device with the Combat "V" device



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Stars with "O" device



When stars are worn with other devices such as the silver letter "O", they will be arranged symmetrically on the ribbon in relation to the device.

2.G.6.e. "S" Letter Device

Silver letter "S" devices are worn to denote sharpshooter qualification. The "S" device is authorized to be worn on the Coast Guard marksmanship ribbons.

2.G.6.f. "V" Letter Device

Bronze letter "V" devices are worn to denote acts or service involving direct participation in combat operations on ribbons and the suspension ribbon of medals. The "V" device is specifically authorized to be worn on the following:

- Legion of Merit
- Bronze Star Medal
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Navy Commendation Medal
- Navy Achievement Medal
- Coast Guard Commendation Medal
- Coast Guard Achievement Medal (Subsequent to 11 June 1968)

2.G.7. FLEET MARINE FORCE COMBAT OPERATION INSIGNIA

Coast Guard personnel who have served duty with, and have been attached to, Fleet Marine Force Units in active combat with an armed enemy, beginning with World War II, are authorized to wear a bronze miniature Marine Corps emblem centered on the ribbon and the suspension ribbon of the medal for the following:

- World War II Area Campaign Medal
- Korean Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal

The device worn on the ribbon and the suspension ribbon of the large medal will be 5/16 inch high. When worn on the suspension ribbon of the miniature medal it will be 1/8 inch high. Only one device will be placed on a ribbon or medal.

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2.G.8. OTHER DEVICES

Gold Bar

A gold bar is authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbon of the Gold Lifesaving Medal to denote each subsequent award earned.

Silver Bar

A silver bar is authorized to be worn on the suspension ribbon of the Silver Lifesaving Medal to denote each subsequent award earned.

Gold Compass Rose

A gold compass rose is authorized to be worn on the ribbon and the suspension ribbon of the National Security Medal to denote each subsequent award earned.

Planet Symbol

A ball-shaped object symbolizing a planet, with wing configuration, is authorized to be worn on the ribbon and the suspension ribbon of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Distinguished Service Medal, to denote each subsequent award earned.

Coast Guard Small Arms Marksmanship Attachments

Personnel who have been awarded a Distinguished or Excellence in Competition Badge may wear, when ribbons are prescribed, a special attachment of the appropriate marksmanship ribbon, in lieu of wearing the badge. The badges and their represented attachments are as follows:

Distinguished Marksmanship Badge, a gold plated replica of a rifle target
Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, a gold-plated replica of a M1911A1 pistol
Rifleman Excellence in Competition Badge (Silver), Silver replica of the M14 rifle
Pistol Shot Excellence in Competition Badge (Silver), Silver replica of the M1911A1 pistol
Rifleman Excellence in Competition Badge (Bronze), a bronze replica of the M14 rifle
Pistol Shot Excellence in Competition Badge (Bronze), a bronze replica of M1911A1 pistol

Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, Gallantry Cross Medal

Personnel authorized this award will wear it with the appropriate devices designating the level for which the award was presented. In order of precedence, a 1 3/8 inch palm indicates "cited before the Regiment".

For personnel who have been cited at several levels, recognition will be afforded as outlined below:

For the initial award, the size of the devices designating the appropriate level of the award will be as issued by the South Vietnam Government.

Only one Gallantry Cross award (medal or ribbon bar) will be worn regardless of the number of awards received. In the event more than one award is authorized, an individual will wear as many of the devices that are authorized using the most senior awards as will fit on one medal or ribbon bar. If more than one device is authorized, the devices will be worn with the senior device to the wearer's right.

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The size of the palm device, when authorized to be worn, and when more than one award is received, will be reduced to 6/8 inch for wear on the suspension ribbon of the large medal, and to 3/8 inch for wear on the ribbon bar or suspension ribbon for the miniature medal. The star devices (gold, silver, bronze) will remain the same size as authorized for the initial award.

The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation of the Gallantry Cross with palm will be worn with a gold frame by authorized personnel. No medal is authorized for this citation. The palm is 5/32 inch in height and 9/16 inch in width. The stem of the palm will be worn to the wearer's right. The gold plated frame will be 7/16 inch in height and 1 7/16 inches in width and is worn with the leaves on the sides pointing upward.

Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, Civil Actions

The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation of the Civil Actions Medal, first class color with palm will be worn with a gold frame by authorized personnel.

No medal is authorized for this citation.

The palm is 5/32 inch in height and 9/16 inch in width. The stem of the palm will be worn to the wearer's right.

The gold plated frame will be 7/16 inch in height and 1 7/16 inches in and is worn with the leaves on the sides pointing upward.

Oak Leaf Clusters

Oak leaf clusters are not authorized on Coast Guard uniforms. The appropriate star will be worn in lieu thereof.

Strike/Flight Numerals

Consists of bronze 3/16 inch Arabic numerals which denote the Strike/Flight awards of the Air Medal.

It is earned while serving with another armed force, indicating the total number of such awards earned subsequent to 9 April 1962. It is worn on the Air Medal positioned to wearer's left.

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2.H. SERVICE AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Service Badges are an award to an individual for some special proficiency which consists of a medallion often hung from a bar or bars.

The purpose of awarding identification badges is to provide recognition of personnel serving on special assignments. Coast Guard personnel may wear the appropriate badge when detailed within the following duties:

- Office of the President
- Office of the Vice President
- Office of the Secretary of Defense
- Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- Other approved assignments contained here in

2.H.1. MARKSMANSHIP BADGES

Authorized Marksmanship badges are listed in the Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series).

2.H.1.a. Manner of Wear

Marksmanship badges are worn centered immediately above the left chest pocket.

The President's Hundred Award is worn on the left shoulder of enlisted men's uniforms.

Marksmanship badges are worn with a maximum of three in a single row. Only the highest ranking badge for a specific type of weapon may be worn at any one time. The wearing of distinguished or excellence in competition badges received while in another service is optional with the holder.

Marksmanship Badges are arranged according to seniority from wearer's right to left.

When ribbons are prescribed, badges will be worn immediately below the bottom row of ribbons.

When large medals are prescribed, badges will be worn immediately below the bottom row of medals, so that only the medal line of each badge is visible.

Badges will not be worn with miniature medals.

2.H.1.b. Nonmilitary Decorations

Personnel will not wear a nonmilitary marksmanship decoration unless at least one military award is worn at the same time.

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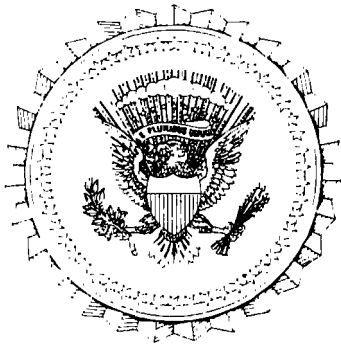
2.H.1.c. Wearing of Badges on Civilian Clothes

Miniature Distinguished Marksmanship and Pistol Shot Badges may be worn as lapel pin or a part of a tie clasp on civilian clothing by those entitled to the Distinguished Marksmanship Badge.

2.H.2. SERVICE BADGES

Only one special Service/Identification Badge may be worn at one time and will be for the member's present assignment. An exception to this regulation: the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard will wear the Commandant's Staff Badge and the MCPO-CG Badge. The wearing of other service and identification badges not specifically listed in these regulations is authorized during assignment to an organization requiring the wearing of such badges. Badges in this category will be worn only during the period of such an assignment and will not be worn any other time unless specifically authorized by the Commandant.

2.H.2.a. Presidential Service Badge



This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel detailed to duty in the White House who have been awarded a Presidential Service Certificate. It may be worn during and after the period of their detail. The Presidential Service Badge will be worn with uniforms on which the wearing of large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons is authorized.

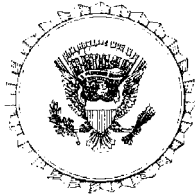
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When wearing the badge on the Service Dress and Full Dress uniforms, it will be centered on the right chest pocket below the lower point of the flap and bottom of the pocket, and midway between the two sides. Female personnel will wear the identification badges centered 1/4 inch above authorized ribbons, name tag, pocket flap or a corresponding position on uniforms which do not have a pocket flap.

When wearing the badge on the Formal, Dinner Dress Blue, and White Jacket uniforms, it will be worn on the right lapel at a position corresponding to 1/4 inch below the lowest row of miniature medals on the left.

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2.H.2.b. Vice Presidential Service Badge



This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel detailed to duty in the Office of the Vice President who have been awarded a Vice Presidential Service Certificate. It may be worn during and after the period of their detail.

The Vice Presidential Service Badge will be worn with uniforms on which the wearing of large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons is authorized.

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When wearing the badge on the Formal, Dinner Dress Blue, and White Jacket uniforms, it will be worn on the right lapel at a position corresponding to 1/4 inch below the lowest row of miniature medals on the left.

2.H.2.c. Office of the Secretary of Defense



This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel who have received a certificate of eligibility from the Office of the Secretary of Defense authorizing them to wear the insignia. Personnel may wear the badge during and after the period of their detail.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense Badge will be worn only with uniforms on which the wearing of large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons is authorized.

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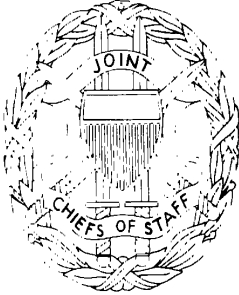
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When wearing the badge on the Service Dress and Full Dress uniforms, it will be centered on the left chest pocket, below the lower point of the flap and the bottom of the pocket, and midway between the two sides. Female personnel will wear the identification badges centered 1/4 inch above authorized ribbons, name tag, pocket flap, or a corresponding position on uniforms which do not have a pocket flap. The regular badge is worn on Full Dress and Service Dress uniforms. The miniature badge is worn on Tropical Blue and Winter Blue uniforms.

When wearing the Formal, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket and White Jacket uniforms, the miniature badges will be worn and positioned on the left lapel 1/4 inch below the lowest row of miniature medals.

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.H.2.d. Joint Chiefs of Staff

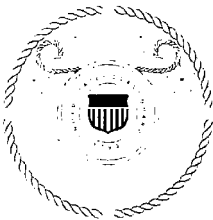


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2.H.2.e. Commandant's Staff Identification Badge



This badge is authorized to be worn by personnel currently serving on the Commandant's personal staff. Permanent wear of the badge is authorized for personnel who have completed 1 year of satisfactory duty on this staff. This includes those in billets listed on the Personnel Allowance List for the Commandant's and Vice Commandant's Staffs (G-C and G-CV).

The Staff Directors of G-C, G-CI, G-CP, G-CC, G-CX, and G-CQ are authorized the wear of the badge while assigned to that duty.

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The Commandant's Staff Identification Badge will be worn only with uniforms on which the wearing of large medals, miniature medals, or ribbons is authorized.

The full size badge is worn on Full Dress and Service Dress uniforms. The miniature badge is worn on Tropical Blue, Winter Blue, Formal, and Dinner Dress uniforms. The miniature badge is also worn when the member is in a command billet subsequent to the Commandant's staff duty.

When wearing Service Dress and Full Dress uniforms:

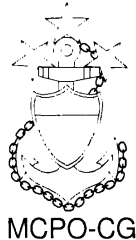
men will center the identification badge on the right chest pocket, below the lower point of the flap and the bottom of the pocket, and midway between the two sides.
women will center the identification badge on the right chest, 1/4 inch above authorized ribbons, name tag, or pocket flap or a corresponding position on uniforms which do not have a pocket flap.

When wearing Formal, Dinner Dress Blue Jacket and White Jacket uniforms:

Men will wear the miniature badge positioned on the right lapel corresponding position to 1/4 inch below the lowest row of miniature medals on the left.

Female personnel will wear the miniature badge in a position corresponding to the Dinner Dress Blue uniform.

2.H.2.f. Command Enlisted Advisor (CEA) Badge



This badge is worn by the MCPO-CG and CEA's at district and selected Headquarters units as designated by the Commandant.

The CEA Badge will consist of the MCPO or MCPO-CG collar device affixed to a gold oval disk and with a gold colored interlocking chain border. Beneath the collar device will be a silver oxidized relieved satin panel with the inscription "CEA." The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard will have a similar panel, but the inscription will be "MCPO-CG."

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The regular size badge will have an overall dimension of 1 3/4 inches in height and 1 3/8 inches in width. The miniature badge will have an overall dimension of 7/8 inch in height and 11/16 inch in width.

Personnel will wear the CEA Badge centered on the left chest pocket of uniforms below all other insignia and qualifications devices.

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Women may wear the device as stated above, or they may center the identification badge on the right chest, 1/4 inch above authorized ribbons, name tag, or pocket flap or a corresponding position on uniforms which do not have a pocket flap

2.H.2.f.1. Former CEA

Upon relief of MCPO-CG and CEA assignment at district and selected Headquarters units, former CEA's may wear the miniature device as follows:

men will center the identification badge on the right chest pocket, below the lower point of the flap and the bottom of the pocket, and midway between the two sides.

women will center the identification badge on the right chest, 1/4 inch above authorized ribbons, name tag, or pocket flap or a corresponding position on uniforms which do not have a pocket flap.

2.H.2.f.2. Collateral Duty Command Enlisted Advisor Badge

The Collateral Duty CEA Badges are the same size and design to the gold CEA badges except they are silver. They will bear CPO, SCPO, and MCPO in the center of the badge. Wearing of the badge upon relief of Collateral Duty CEA assignment is not authorized.

2.H.2.g. Recruiting Identification Badge



The Recruiting Identification Badge will be worn by all Coast Guard personnel currently assigned to recruiting duty.

Men will wear the badge on the left chest pocket. The badge will be centered between the lower point of the flap and bottom of the pocket, and midway between the two sides.

Female personnel will wear the badge on the right side, centered 1/4 inch above the name tag.

2.H.2.h. Honor Guard Badge



The Honor Guard Badge is worn by members currently serving or who previously served satisfactorily in the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard at Alexandria, V.A, or those who qualified and served with the Honor Guard on an approved collateral duty basis.

The Honor Guard Identification Badge is oval shaped, 1-1/4 inches in height and 2 inches in width. It is forged in brass with a highly polished finish.

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The words "U.S. Coast Guard" are embossed on the upper edge of the oval. The words "Honor Guard" are embossed on the lower edge. The center of the oval contains the Coast Guard shield supported by a crossed rifle and sword. The badge recognizes personnel who have been cleared for Presidential support duties.

The miniature device is identical to the large except its height is 23/32 of an inch and the width is 1 1/8 inches.

The full size badge will be worn on the Full Dress uniforms. The miniature badge is worn on all other uniforms that allow the wearing of service and identification badges.

While serving in the Ceremonial Honor Guard, members will wear the badge on or above the left pocket of their uniforms.

When wearing ribbons or medals, men will wear the badge centered 1/4 inch above the ribbons or medals. When the badge is worn without ribbons or medals, it is centered 1/4 inch above the pocket.

At all times women will wear the badge above the left pocket flap or in a corresponding position on uniforms without pocket flaps.

Members who have previously served on the Ceremonial Honor Guard will wear the badge on or above the right pocket. The badge is authorized to be worn with medals or ribbons only. Men wear the badge on the upper right pocket, one quarter inch below the pocket flap.

Women wear the badge above the upper right pocket, one quarter inch above authorized ribbons, name tag, or pocket flap or in corresponding position without a upper right pocket.

Members who believe they qualify for this badge must furnish documentation and be approved and certified by their commanding officer.

2.H.2.h.1. Honor Guard Sleeve Insignia

The honor guard sleeve insignia is worn by the Ceremonial Honor Guards.

One patch is a curved identification patch with the legend "U.S. COAST GUARD" in white block lettering and flag blue background. Another patch consists of an embroidered shield 1-13/16 inch wide, and 2-1/2 inches high, consisting of a blue chief, with six red and seven white stripes in the base. The entire shield is bordered in gold, also the gold separates the chief from the base of the shield. The chief of the shield will be constructed to simulate 13 stars, arranged in two straight horizontal rows, with seven stars above and six stars below.

The patches are sewn on with blue thread.

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The curved identification patch will be worn outside right shoulder seam of the service dress blue coat and tropical blue shirt. It will be placed no more than one inch below the shoulder seam, to follow the curvature thereof.

The shield will be mounted on the right sleeve with the upper outside points 1/2 inch below the lower edge of the identification patch.

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2.I. SWORD AND SWORD ACCESSORIES

Sword, scabbard, sword belt, and sword knot are required of all officers on active duty for wear with Full Dress uniforms. They are not required by chaplains and U.S. Public Health Services personnel serving with the Coast Guard.

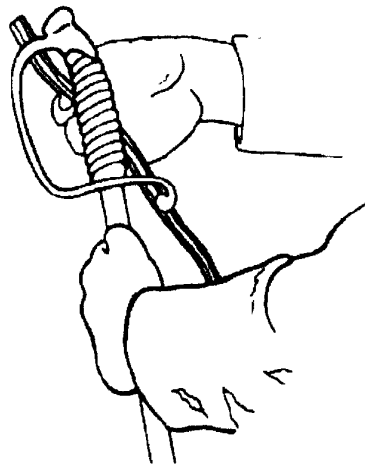
The senior officer present may prescribe the wearing of the Full Dress uniform without the sword for certain individuals, or on specific occasions when the wearing of a sword is considered inappropriate or undesirable.

The sword shall have a cut and thrust blade, from 26 to 32 inches long, half-basket hilt, and shall fit in a scabbard of plain black grain leather or synthetic material presenting the same appearance. The sword belt shall be of plain black grain leather or synthetic material presenting the same appearance as the scabbard. It is 1 3/4 inches wide with 3/4 inch wide sling straps of the same material. The buckle shall be 2 inches in diameter with gold plate mounting.

The sword knot shall consist of a 1/2 inch gold lace loop, 24 inches long with slide and tassel.

2.I.1. PREPARING THE SWORD KNOT

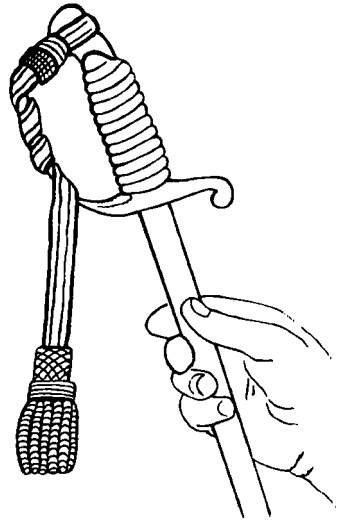
To prepare the sword knot:



Hold the sword with the blade pointing down and the handle to the left. Pass the end of the lace upward through the slit in the guard of the hilt.

With the knotted end, take one turn (right to left) around the handle outside the guard and pass it through the eye of the bight. Adjust the lace slide as illustrated below.

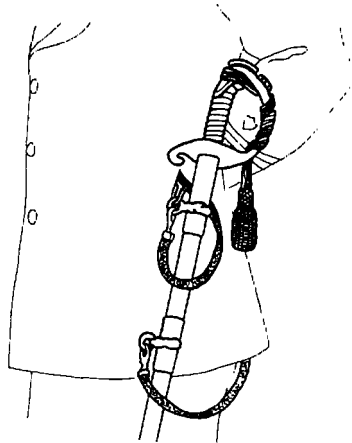
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Take two or more additional turns down around the guard and let the knot (tassel) hang free.

2.I.2. MANNER OF WEAR FOR SWORD AND SWORD ACCESSORIES

To attach the sword and scabbard to the belt, hold the sword with the right hand and attach the back swivels to the scabbard rings. The shorter strap is attached to the upper ring and the longer strap to the lower. Twist the sword one-half turn in a clockwise direction and suspend on the sword hook with the uppermost scabbard ring so that the sword handle faces aft.



The sword belt is worn under the dress coat. The short belt strap and lock swivels are passed through the coat opening on the left side and the longer strap hangs free.

2.I.3. AIGUILLETES

Aiguillettes shall normally be furnished to aides. Such aiguillettes shall remain in custody of the organization providing them.

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Aiguilletes shall be worn when performing duty as:

- Aide to the President
- Aide to the Vice President
- Aide at the White House
- Aide to the Secretary/Deputy Secretary
- Assistant Secretaries of Transportation
- Aide to flag officers
- Executive Assistant to the Commandant
- Executive Assistants to Assistant Commandants for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, Operations, Systems, and Human Resources
- Area Commander Executive Assistants
- Aide to top ranking representatives of foreign nations visiting the United States when so ordered
- Aides to top ranking foreign representatives

They may be worn on official occasions by officers appointed as aides on the staff of a governor of a State or territory.

2.I.3.a. Manner of Wear

Aiguilletes shall be worn on the right shoulder when serving as: them.

- Aide to the President
- Aide to the Vice President
- Aides at the White House
- Officers designated as aides to foreign heads of state

All other personnel shall wear aiguilletes on the left shoulder.

Aiguilletes shall be worn on the outside of the following outerwear:

- Reefer coat
- Overcoat
- With the raincoat or trench coat (only when the sword is worn)

2.I.4. FOURRAGERE

A fourragere is a cord worn, as required, to represent a requisite number of unit citations, or for ornamentation purposes as appropriate. When a fourragere is worn with aiguilletes, it shall be worn under the aiguilletes.

2.I.5. SERVICE AIGUILLETES

Service aiguilletes shall be worn with the following uniforms:

- Service dress
- Tropical

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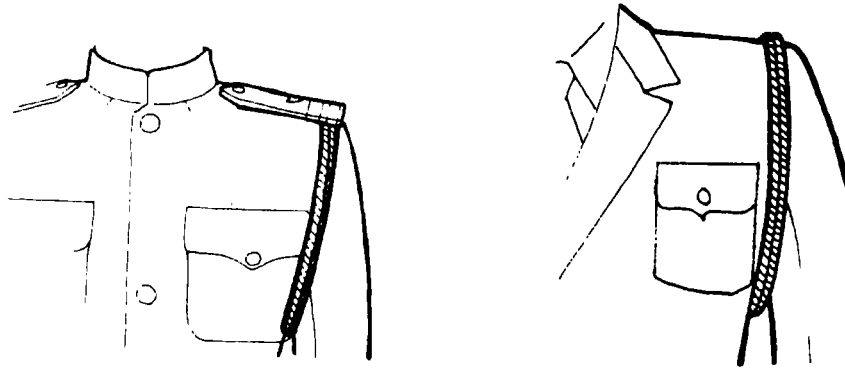
Undress
Working blue

Service aiguilletes shall be worn outside the overcoat and reefer coat except for the following

Official ceremonies
Occasions requiring special honors and ceremonies
Social functions for which formal invitations have been extended
Appropriate social functions as required

2.I.5.a. Manner of Wear

The aiguilletes shall be attached to the shoulder of the uniform just inside the sleeve band seam by means of the pin. The cords shall be bound together, lying flat side by side, with a string of 1 1/2 inches gold lace and fitted with a clasp pin.



2.I.5.b. Aide to the President

Service aiguilletes for the Aide to the President shall consist of four loops of aiguillette cord approximately 1/5 inch in diameter. A core of yellow cotton shall be covered by means of braiding with gold or gilt thread.

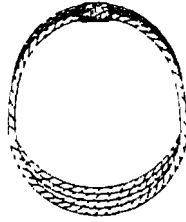
2.I.5.c. Other Than Aide to the President

Service aiguilletes for other than Aide to the President shall consist of four, three, or two loops of aiguillette cord approximately 1/5 inch in diameter. A core of yellow cotton shall be covered by means of braiding with gold or gilt thread and dark blue silk or suitable alternate fiber shall be inserted in such a manner that it forms spiral bands approximately 3/16 inch wide at intervals of approximately 7/16 inch.

Enlisted personnel service aiguilletes shall be solid dark blue when the member is serving as an aide.

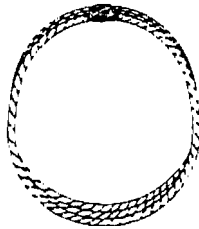
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The number of loops for other than the Aide to the President is as follows:



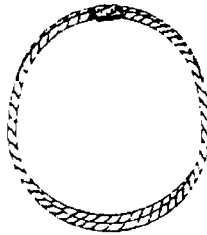
Four Loops

- Aide to Vice President
- Aide to Admiral
- Aide to officials of higher rank



Three Loops

- Aides to Vice Admirals



Two Loops

- Aides to Rear Admirals
- Aides to officers of lower rank
- Aides to governors of a state/territory

2.1.6. DRESS AIGUILLETES

Dress aiguillettes shall be worn with the following uniforms:

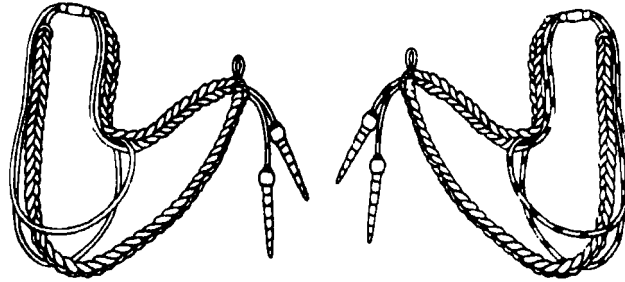
- Formal dress
- Dinner dress
- Full dress
- Service dress
- Blue overcoat

Dress aiguillettes shall be worn for:

- Official duties
- Occasions requiring special honors and
- Social functions for which formal invitations have been extended
- Appropriate social functions as required

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Aides to foreign representatives shall wear dress aiguillettes similar to those worn by an aide to a flag officer.



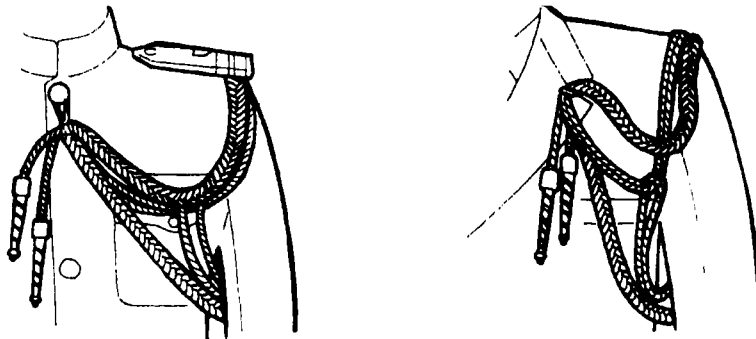
The aiguillette is worn either on the left or the right shoulder determined by the type of aide.

2.I.5.a. Dress Aiguillettes Manner of Wear

The becket shall be attached to the uniform as follows:

On the white coat with the standing collar, attach to the top button.

On the dinner dress jacket and blue overcoat, attach to a small flat button covered with black silk placed under the coat collar at the height of the collar bone. The pencils hang over the lapel and their suspension cords emerge from the notch in the lapel.



2.I.6.b. Aide to the President

Dress Aiguillettes for the Aide to the President shall consist of two single aiguillette cords approximately 1/5 inch in diameter. A core of yellow cotton shall be covered with braided gold or gilt thread and two additional loops of unbraided aiguillette cord. At the termination of the braided cords shall be approximately 3 inches of plain cords; the end of each cord shall be secured by a gilt metal pencil. The gilt metal pencil is approximately 3 1/2 inches long, mounted with two silver anchors. At the termination of the braided cords, there is a becket of golden cord.

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2.I.6.c. Other Than for Aide to the President

Dress aiguillettes for other than for Aide to the President shall consist of two single aiguillette cords, approximately 1/5 inch in diameter. A core of yellow cotton shall be covered by means of braiding with gold or gilt thread and dark blue silk, or suitable alternate fiber. The dark blue silk shall be inserted in such a manner that it will form spiral bands. The spiral bands are approximately 3/16 inch wide braided at approximately 7/16 inch intervals and two additional loops of unbraided aiguillette cord. At the termination of braided cords shall be approximately 3 inches of plain cords; the end of each cord shall be secured by a gilt metal pencil. The gilt metal pencil is approximately 3 1/2 inches long, mounted with two silver anchors. At the termination of the braided cords, there is a becket of golden cord. Enlisted personnel dress aiguillettes shall be solid dark blue when serving as an aide.

2.I.7. BRASSARDS

Brassards are bands of cloth 11 inches long and 4 inches wide, fitted with ties or elastic bands for securing to the right arm. They shall be worn between shoulder and elbow on outer garments.

2.I.7.a. Officer of the Day Brassard

The Officer of the Day brassard consists of a band of navy blue cloth bearing "OOD" gold letters appliqued on the band. The letters shall be 2 1/2 inches in height and 1 1/2 inches in width affixed to the center of the band. It shall be worn at shore stations by the Officer of the Day.

2.I.7.b. Junior Officer of the Day Brassard

The Junior Officer of the Day brassard consists of a band of navy blue cloth bearing "JOOD" gold letters appliqued on the band. The letters are 2 1/2 inches in height and 1 1/4 inches in width affixed to the center of the band. It shall be worn at shore stations by the Junior Officer of the Day.

2.I.7.c. Shore Patrol Brassard

The Shore Patrol brassard consists of a band of navy blue cloth bearing "SP" in gold letters appliqued on the band. The letters are 3 inches in height and 2 1/2 inches in width affixed to the center of the band. It shall be worn by members of the shore patrol and beach guard while on duty.

2.I.7.d. Master at Arms Brassard

The Master at Arms brassard consists of a band of navy blue cloth bearing "MAA" in gold letters appliqued on the band. The letters shall be 3 inches in height with the "M" 2 1/2 inches wide and the A's 1 3/4 inches wide, affixed to the center of the band. The brassard is worn by the shore station master at arms when prescribed.

2.I.7.e. Armed Forces Police Brassard

The Armed Forces Police brassard consists of a band of black cloth bearing the words "ARMED FORCES POLICE" in gold block letters affixed to the center of the band, one

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word above the other. The letters shall be 13/16 inches high. It shall be worn by members of an Armed Forces Police Detachment.

2.I.7.f. Captain of the Port Brassard

The Captain of the Port brassard consists of a band of red cloth surcharged with "COTP" navy blue block letters. The letters are 1 3/4 inches high and 1 1/4 inches wide. The letters are spaced 1/2 inch apart.

The band shall be 12 inches long by 4 inches wide. The four corners of the band shall be beveled at 45 degree angles to a depth of 1 1/4 inches. It shall be worn, by personnel engaged in port security duties, when the captain of the port directs, in the same manner as other brassards.

2.I.7.g. Boarding Officer Brassard

The Boarding Officer brassard consists of a band of navy blue cloth bearing the words "BOARDING OFFICER" in white block letters. The letters shall be 1 1/8 inches in height and 13/16 inches in width. The letters are spaced 5/16 inches apart. The word "BOARDING" shall be positioned above the word "OFFICER" with 1/2 inch vertical spacing.

The band shall be 12 inches long by 4 inches wide. The four corners of the band shall be beveled at 45 degree angles to a depth of 1 1/4 inches. The brassard may be worn by Coast Guard officers and petty officers engaged in law enforcement boarding duties.

2.I.7.h. Geneva Convention Red Cross

The Geneva Convention Red Cross brassard consists of a band of white cloth bearing a scarlet cross appliqued on the center of the band. The cross shall be 3 inches wide by 3 inches high. It shall be worn by personnel involved in medical activities so they may be readily identified for such purposes as emergency medical response or under combat conditions.

2.1.8. UNIFORM ATTACHMENTS FOR FUNERALS

2.I.8.a. Mourning Badges

The badge shall be made of black crepe, 3 inches wide and sufficiently long to fit around the arm.

Personnel shall wear mourning badges at military funerals while serving as honorary pallbearers or while attending military funerals in an official capacity. Enlisted personnel otherwise attending military or civilian funerals in uniform may wear mourning badges at their discretion.

These badges are to be furnished by the funeral director at no cost to the individual.

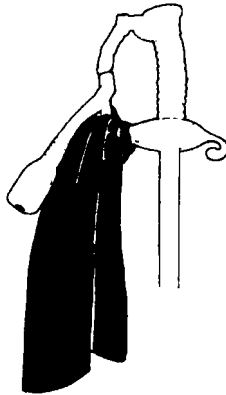
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2.I.8.b. Manner of Wear for Mourning Badges

Officers shall wear the mourning badge on the left sleeve of the outer garment, halfway between the shoulder and elbow.

Enlisted personnel shall wear the mourning badge on the right sleeve of the outer garment, halfway between the shoulder and elbow.

When the sword is worn, officers shall also wear a mourning badge 3 inches wide and 20 inches long, knotted in the middle of the sword hilt.



2.I.8.c. White Gloves

Officers and enlisted personnel may be required to wear white gloves at military funerals. Officers and enlisted personnel may wear white gloves at other funerals, but shall do so only during the actual ceremonies unless white gloves are an authorized part of the uniform being worn.

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CHAPTER 3. UNIFORM ITEMS

Chapter three contains a description of uniform items most often worn by Coast Guard Personnel.

3.A. HEAD GEAR

Personnel will wear headgear (be covered), when outside buildings. During ceremonies which are held in buildings headgear is normally worn. Personnel visiting other military organizations will follow the customs for that organization.

Personnel may remove their headgear when traveling inside any enclosed vehicle either on or off any Coast Guard Facility. The wearing of headgear while in an enclosed vehicle may be appropriate during ceremonial occasions or may be required by the local regulations of other military services while on board their facilities.

Manner of Wear

Hats and caps will be worn squarely on the head, bottom edge horizontal. Hair will not be visible below front brim or visor.

3.A.1. COMBINATION CAP

The men's model will be a military cap with a black visor; rigid standing front; flaring; circular rim, and a blue cap band and mount for attaching the large cap insignia. It is worn with a detachable plain white cotton or vinyl crown.

The women's model will consist of a stiffened oval crown with a blue brim. The brim will be rolled at the sides and flat in the front and back. The crown will be encircled by a blue band 1 1/4 inches wide with a blue mount for attaching the hat device. Two blue streamers will be attached to the band at the back. The hat is worn with a detachable plain white cotton or vinyl cover.

3.A.1.a. Combination Cap Chin Straps

For all officers, chin straps will be 1/2 inch wide, faced with gold lace. For enlisted (men only), the chin straps will be made of black patent leather or plastic, 1/2 inch wide. The grommet on the chin strap will be worn on wearer's left.

3.A.1.b. Combination Cap Crown

A white plastic coated or vinyl cap crown may be worn on the combination cap frame unless the cloth crown is prescribed.

Rain Cover: The rain cover is an optional item which is worn over the combination cap. It will be clear plastic without any design or ornamentation.

3.A.1.c. Combination Cap Visor Ornamentation

For flag officers, the cap visor will be covered with dark blue cloth, embroidered full in gold with oak leaves and acorns. Captains and commanders, the visor will be covered the same as flag officers, the embroidery will be along the front edge only. For officers of the grade of lieutenant commander and below and all enlisted, the visor will be plain, lustrous black and will not be ornamented.

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3.A.2. TIARA

The tiara is a women's cap which consists of a small crescent shaped headpiece which fits over the crown of the head. The tiara will be made of black velvet and embroidered with the individual's rank. For Commanders and above it will have the appropriate visor ornamentation embroidered on the sides of the device.

3.A.3. GARRISON CAP

The garrison cap may be worn with the Service Dress Blue B, Winter Dress (dark blue), Tropical, Undress, and Working uniforms unless otherwise prescribed. Women may wear the men's garrison cap as an option.

3.A.4. WORKING BLUE & UNIT BALL CAPS

Standard issue working blue ball caps will be of dark blue (generic navy blue or approximating Coast Guard blue) material. Adjusting tabs in the rear are authorized. Cap will be either free of lettering or will have U.S. COAST GUARD permanently affixed in an arch across the front of the cap face. Lettering will be 1/2 inch yellow block type. The lettering will be arranged with enough space to allow the fitting of the rank device under the lettering and the bottom of the device to be 1 to 1 1/4 inches above the cap visor. Embroidered gold acorns and oak leaves are authorized on ball caps of officers 0-5 and above. Commanding officers may temporarily require the removal of rank device from ball caps if warranted by local conditions.

Unit ball caps will be of the commercial ball cap type in the same approximate colors as for the working blue cap. Rear mesh panels and adjusting tabs are authorized. Unit name, location, and hull numbers are authorized to be permanently affixed to the front face of the cap allowing room for the required insignia/rank device as on the working blue cap. The rank insignia may be embroidered or metal. Commanding officers may temporarily require the removal of rank devices from ball caps if warranted by local conditions. Lettering will be 1/2 inch yellow block type lettering on the cap. No other lettering, logos, or art work is allowed on the cap. Embroidered gold oak leaves and acorns ("scrambled eggs") are authorized on ball caps of officers 0-5 and above.

Unit ball or standard issue working blue ball caps are authorized for wear on board Coast Guard small boats and vessels with the Tropical Blue uniform. Ball caps with a specific unit logo will only be worn while attached to the specific unit to which the logo refers.

3.A.5. COLD WEATHER CAP

The cold weather cap is an optional item of Coast Guard approved or certified design. It consists of ear and neck flaps, ribbon tie or strap with covered metal snap fasteners. The combination cap insignia will be attached to the front flap.

3.A.6. KNIT WATCH CAP

The knit watch cap will be the approved Navy design of navy blue knitted worsted-wool, bell-shaped, pullover style.

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3.B. UNDERGARMENTS

3.B.1. MEN:

Undergarments (undershirts and drawers or briefs) will be worn while in uniform. The white undershirts will be plain white cotton or cotton/polyester material with quarter length sleeves and a V-neck. Winter undershirts have a rounded neck and long sleeves (winter undershirts must be authorized the unit command).

3.B.2. WOMEN:

Undergarments (bras and panties) will be worn while in uniform and should be of such color as to minimize showing through outer items of clothing. Women are authorized the optional wear of an undershirt in addition to the required undergarments. The manner of wearing will be the same as prescribed for men.

3.C. SHIRTS

3.C.1. WORKING BLUE SHIRT

The working blue shirt is made of Coast Guard blue, shade 3362, basket weave polyester and cotton material. It has an open-notched lapel collar forming a V-neck. It will have two patch pockets with button flap closure. This shirt has both long and short sleeved (quarter length) versions.

With the exception of winter underwear, undershirts will not be visible at the neck. Wear of the working blue shirt is dependent upon the dress uniform in effect. When the Service Dress Blue uniform is prescribed the long sleeved shirt will be worn. When the Tropical Blue uniform is prescribed the short sleeved shirt will be worn. Personnel wearing a long sleeve shirt will have the sleeves rolled down with the cuffs buttoned, unless they are in their work space or there is a chance of moving parts causing a safety hazard.

This shirt should not be confused with the "Winter Dress Blue (CPO) shirt", and is not interchangeable.

3.C.2. LIGHT BLUE SHIRT

3.C.2.a. Men

The men's shirt will be an Air force light blue, shade 1550 shirt. The shirt will have a soft stand-up collar with stays, one button cuff closure epaulets, and two patch pockets, one on the left and one on right breast with flap and button closures. The shirt comes in both long and short sleeved version.

The old style light blue shirts without epaulets are authorized until 1 Nov 1997.

3.C.2.b. Women

The current required shirt will be Air Force light blue shade 1550, with a stand-up collar, two button cuff closure, and front gathers below the front yoke. The new style women's light blue shirt with pleated pockets and epaulets, procured by Coast Guard Exchanges, may be worn as an optional item unless otherwise prescribed. Women are authorized to wear the men's shirts if it provides a better fit.

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The new female shirt will be made of Air Force light blue shade 1550 broadcloth material. It will have a fly front covering the six button closure and a one button neck closure (right over left), a soft stand-up collar with stays, shoulder epaulets, a pleated patch pocket with button flap closure on each front panel, and dual length long sleeves with a two button cuff closure for adjustments. This will become the required female shirt one year from the date of first issue.

3.C.2.c. Military Creases

Military creases may be worn at the member's option. If worn, they will be formed by pressing two vertical creases in the front of the shirt from the shoulder seam through the center of each pocket to the bottom of the shirt, and three evenly spaced vertical creases between the shirt side seams in the back of the shirt. Crease on shirts without pockets will be aligned to center the ribbon bar over the crease.

3.C.3. WINTER DRESS BLUE (CPO) SHIRT

The Winter Dress Blue (CPO) shirt will be Coast Guard dark blue shade 3362, which matches the fabric of the trousers.

3.C.4. WHITE SHIRT

3.C.4.a. Men

The plain white shirt will be long sleeved with one button cuff, of a conventional design with a fused collar, one breast patch pocket on the left front, and will button down the front using six small plain white buttons. The soft front pleated shirt has small pleats down the front. The formal shirt will be a stiff-bosomed plain or pique white dress shirt without pleats and worn with a wing collar, plain gold cuff links, and gold shirt studs.

3.C.4.b. Women

The white shirt will be with a turndown pointed collar and either short or long sleeves. It will button down the front, using small plain white buttons. The formal white shirt will be of white opaque nylon or similar material with small pleated ruffles down the front, plain turn down collar, and pearl buttons.

3.C.5. CREW NECK T-SHIRTS FOR WOMEN

In situations where Uniform Regulations are relaxed, allowing the removal of the Working Blue shirt due to warm weather or warm working area, women will wear in lieu of the Working Blue shirt, a white or dark blue crew neck T-shirt of heavy enough material to be completely opaque.

3.D. NECKTIES

3.D.1. MEN

The necktie is an Air Force blue shade 1083, four-in-hand necktie which is either hand tied or clip on. The tie will have either a Windsor or a double Windsor knot. A tie tack or tie clasp may be worn. The Black Bow Tie will be a plain style with square ends. The width will not exceed 2-1/4 inches. It may be a hand tied or a clip on. The White Bow Tie will be a plain style with square ends. The width will not exceed 2-1/4 inches. It may be a hand tied or a clip on.

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3.D.1. WOMEN

3.D.1.a. Ascot

The ascot is the women's tie, it is made of the same shade and material as the light blue shirt, Air Force shade 1550 blue, with the Coast Guard orange and blue stripe. A tie-tack may be worn.

3 D.1.b. Black Tie

The Black necktie authorized for wear is either the black bow tie (pretied) or the black tab tie with an adjustable neck band. The material will be black woven wool, silk or synthetic material. The black dress necktie will consist of a small crescent-shaped black velvet ribbon tapering toward each end from a width of one inch at the center.

3.D.1.c. Tab Tie

The women's Overlapping Tab Tie will be Coast Guard Blue shade #3362. It is authorized for wear with the following women's uniforms:

1. Service Dress Blue Bravo
2. Service Dress Blue Alpha
3. Service Dress White
4. Full Dress Blue
5. Full Dress White
6. Winter Undress Blue

3.E. SERVICE DRESS COATS/JACKETS

3.E.1. SERVICE DRESS BLUE COAT

3.E.1.a. Men

The men's Service Dress Blue coat will be made of Coast Guard blue, shade 3362, certified material. It is single breasted with notched lapels and a roll collar. It will be semi-fitted and of conventional length. The coat will have four patch pockets with flap closures; one on each breast and hip. Each pocket flap will have a 22-1/2-ligne Coast Guard gilt button attached. The front of the coat will close using four 35-ligne Coast Guard gilt buttons down the right fore part. The officer's coat will have a slit available on left side for wearing a sword.

3.E.1.b. Women

The female coat will be made of Coast Guard blue shade 3362 approved material. It will be a single breasted, semi-fitted, square bottom front with a notched collar/lapel, side body panels, and two piece back covering the buttock area. It will have two breast flaps, one on each front panel for alignment of ribbons and name tag and two set-in lower pockets with flaps. Each flap will have a 23-ligne Coast Guard gold button. The coat fronts will close with three 28-ligne Coast Guard gold buttons. When worn, all buttons will be buttoned. The officer's coat will have a slit available on left side for wearing a sword. The double knit service dress blue coat is authorized until no longer serviceable.

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3.E.2. SERVICE DRESS WHITE COAT

3.E.2.a. Men

The men's service dress white coat is worn by officers only. The coat will be made of plain white, lightweight, suitable material such as cotton or certified navy twill. The coat will be single breasted, formfitting, of a conventional length. The collar is a standup collar. The coat will have shoulder loops to accommodate hard shoulder boards and have a patch pocket with flap closure on each breast. Each flap closure will have a 22 1/2-ligne Coast Guard gilt button attached. The coat front will fasten with five 35-ligne detachable Coast Guard gilt buttons on the right forepart. All buttons will be buttoned.

3.E.2.b. Women

The women's service dress white coat will be made of plain white, lightweight, suitable material such as cotton or certified navy twill. The coat will be single breasted, formfitting, of a conventional length. The collar is rounded with overlying half peaked lapels. The coat will have two breast pocket flaps closed without buttons. The coat front will fasten with four 28-ligne detachable Coast Guard gilt buttons; all will be buttoned.

3.E.3. FORMAL/DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET

3.E.3.a. Men

The men's formal/dinner dress blue jacket will be of a conventional design made from navy blue (black) lightweight woolen or synthetic blend material. It will have semi peaked narrow lapels of the same fabric as the jacket. There will be three 28-ligne Coast Guard gilt buttons down each forepart with a linked button front closure held in position by loops and buttons placed inside each front facing. The rank insignia, gold shield, service stripes, and rating badge will consist of the type worn on the service dress blue coat.

3.E.3.b. Women

The women's formal/dinner dress jacket will be Eton style, made from navy blue lightweight woolen synthetic material. It will have a narrow shawl collar of the same fabric as the coat. There will be three 28-ligne Coast Guard gilt buttons down each forepart. The rank insignia, gold shield, service stripes, and rating badge will consist of the type worn on the service dress blue coat. Women are authorized to add to the Formal/Dinner Dress Blue Jacket a closure device identical to that used on the men's Dinner Dress Blue Jacket. The buttons for the device will be attached to the inside of each front jacket flap.

3.E.4. DINNER DRESS WHITE JACKET

3.E.4.a. Men

The men's dinner dress white jacket is the same material and similar in cut as the dinner dress bluejacket except it is plain white in color. There will be two 35-ligne Coast Guard gilt buttons down each forepart. A linked button front closure is held in position by loops and buttons placed inside each front facing. Rank insignia will consist of hard shoulder boards for officers and sleeve insignia and gold shield for enlisted personnel.

3.E.4.b. Women

The women's dinner dress white jacket is the same material and similar in cut as the dinner dress blue jacket except it is plain white in color. Rank insignia will consist of hard

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shoulder boards for officers and sleeve insignia and gold shield for enlisted personnel. Women are authorized to add to the Dinner Dress White Jacket a closure device identical to that used on the men's Dinner Dress Blue Jacket. The buttons for the device will be attached to the inside of each front jacket flap and located so as to allow for even closure of the jacket.

3.E.5. WAISTCOAT

The waistcoat is a sleeveless type jacket worn only by men. The waistcoat will be made of white conservative weave pique or suitable alternate material with set-in lapel. It will be single breasted with a wetted pocket in each front section. The front closure will be with three 22 1/2-line Coast Guard Gilt buttons on the right forepart.

3.F. TROUSERS

Only Coast Guard approved trousers will be worn. Wearing of the Air Force or other commercially procured trousers is not authorized. Trousers will be worn by female members in military formations. Skirts may be specified only for personnel inspections that are not held as part of another ceremony. Trousers must be worn in lieu of skirts by female crew members on Coast Guard cutters, boats, and aircraft. Exceptions may be granted by commanding officers and officers in charge for special occasions, such as receptions and open houses.

3.F.1. UTILITY TROUSERS

The utility trousers will be made of cotton/polyester blend, wash and wear material in Coast Guard blue, shade 3362.

3.F.2. DRESS BLUE TROUSERS/SLACKS

3.F.2.a. Men

The blue dress trousers will be of a conventional plain design with no cuff and of the same material and color as the dress coat.

3.F.2.b. Women

The women's slacks will be made of the same material and color as the dress coat. They will have two pleats on each front panel and two darts on each back panel, quarter top pockets on each front, a slide fastener fly front (right over left) with a hook and eye waistband closure, five belt loops, and straight legs. Air Force slacks will not be worn with the Coast Guard uniform.

3.F.3. SERVICE DRESS WHITE TROUSERS

The white dress trousers are worn by officers only. They are of a conventional design and of the same material and color as the service dress white coat.

3.F.4. BLUE EVENING DRESS TROUSERS

The blue evening dress trousers will be navy blue (black), high-waisted, of plain design, and without back pockets. When worn with the dinner dress blue (black) jacket, the trousers will be of the same material and color as the formal/dinner dress blue jacket.

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3.G. BELTS

Belts will be worn with all trousers having belt loops. The clip end of the belt will be inserted to the wearer's right and adjusted so that the clip protrudes from the buckle, exposing no webbing between the clip and the buckle.

3.G.1. BLACK BELT

The black belt is made of black webbing with a brass or brass colored clip end. The black belt is worn with blue undress and dress trousers.

3.G.2. WHITE BELT

The white belt is made of white webbing with a brass or brass colored clip end. The white belt is worn with the white trousers.

3.G.3. BELT BUCKLE

The belt buckle will be unadorned brass or brass-colored.

3.G.4. CUMMERBUND

3.G.4.a. Men

The cummerbund will be made of gold acetate satin. It will have pleats and will measure 5 inches wide. When wearing the cummerbund, the pleat opening will face upward.

3.G.4.b. Women

The cummerbund will be made of gold acetate satin. It will have pleats and will measure 3 1/2 inches wide. When wearing the cummerbund, the pleat opening will face upward.

3.H. SKIRTS

Skirts may be worn by women unless otherwise prohibited. Skirts will not be worn as part of the Working Blue or Undress Blue uniforms. Skirts may be specified only for personnel inspections that are not held as part of another ceremony.

3.H.1. BLUE SKIRT

The skirt will be made of the same material and color as the dress coat. It will be a straight style, one panel front with four pleats (two on each side) and quarter top pockets, two panel back with two darts on each panel, and a kick pleat at the bottom of the back. It will have a waistband with a button/buttonhole, slide fastener closure at center back. It will be fully lined with a slit at kick pleat opening. Air Force skirt will not be worn with the Coast Guard uniform.

When hemming the skirt, finish the bottom of the skirt with a 2 to 3 inch hem parallel to the floor. The skirt hem-line will fall no higher than the crease in the back of the knee nor lower than 3-5 inches below the crease in the back of the knee.

3.H.2. SERVICE DRESS WHITE SKIRT

The white dress skirt will be a plain six-gored skirt of conventional sweep with two inset pockets in the upper part of the front. The skirt will be the same material and color as that of the dress coat.

When hemming the skirt, finish the bottom of the skirt with a 2 to 3 inch hem parallel to the floor. The skirt hem-line will fall no higher than the crease in the back of the knee nor lower than 2 inches below the crease.

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3.H.3. FORMAL DRESS SKIRT

The formal dress skirt will be Navy Blue (black) plain six gored, and floor length. It may have an optional slit at both side seams reaching no higher than mid-calf. When worn with the dinner dress blue (black) jacket, the skirt will be of the same material as the jacket. When hemming the skirt, finish the bottom of the skirt with a 2 to 3 inch hem parallel to the floor.

3.I. SHOES AND SOCKS

Shoes are made of smooth leather or a synthetic leather substitute. Shoes with Corfram or similar synthetic upper portions will not be worn aboard Coast Guard vessels or aircraft unless specifically authorized by the commanding officer.

Only black socks of knit or ribbed knit material are allowed to be worn with dress shoes. Black socks will be worn by men when wearing black or blue trousers and are also worn by women while wearing trousers and any shoes except pumps. The only exceptions to this rule are:

White Socks: Only undecorated white socks of knit or ribbed knit material are allowed to be worn when wearing white trousers and white shoes.

Stockings: Stockings are worn by women and will be plain, flesh tone when worn with skirts. When wearing pumps with the blue dress trousers women may wear black stockings (hosiery).

Boot Socks: Boot socks may be worn while wearing safety boots, although any visible portion of the sock must be black.

3.I.1. DRESS SHOES

3.I.1.a. Men

The men's dress shoes will be made of smooth black or white leather or a synthetic substitute of the oxford style. They will have heels, no higher than one inch and be of low cut plain style without decoration. There will be no stitching or seams across the toe. The sole edges, heels, and laces will be the same as the shoe.

3.I.1.b. Women

Oxford: The women's dress shoes will be made of smooth black or white leather or a synthetic leather substitute. They will be plain style with three to six pairs of eyelets for lacing. A seam around the toe is authorized. The heels will be no higher than one inch. The sole edges, heels, and laces will be the same as the shoe.

Pumps: Pumps will be plain in style, no decoration, made of smooth black or white leather or synthetic. The heels and the toes will be closed in. The heel may be 1 to 2 5/8 inches high and no less than 1/2 inch wide at the floor. A flat wedge style sole which rises 1 inch is authorized. Sole edges, heels, and laces will be the same as the shoe.

3.I.2. SAFETY SHOES

The safety shoes will be high top black safety boots with a reinforced safety toe. These shoes will be worn while performing work which require protection of the feet. Protective footwear must comply with ANSI-1991.

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3.I.3. OVERSHOES

Overshoes are an optional item and will consist of plain black rubbers, overshoes, or rain/snow boots. The boot top will not be higher than the knee cap. Closure may be by zippers, snaps, or other fasteners.

3.I.4. BOAT SHOES

The Boat Shoe will be dark brown leather low cut shoe of moccasin construction, and functional rawhide lacing with 8 brass eyelets (4 per side). The sole shall be white, slip resistant, nonmarking rubber.

3.J. OUTERWEAR

Only Coast Guard approved outer wear will be worn. When wearing outerwear with buttons and a belt, all will be fastened. Pregnant women may leave the bottom two buttons unbuttoned. When wearing outerwear with zippers, the zipper will be zipped a minimum of two-thirds the way up.

3.J.1. SWEATERS

3.J.1.a. Wooly Pulley

The Wooly-Pulley sweater is the approved Air Force sweater, 100 percent wool V-neck. It is authorized to be worn with the following uniforms:

Working Blue uniform
Undress Blue uniform
Tropical Blue Long uniform
Service Dress Blue B uniform

The sweater may be worn in lieu of the service dress blue coat unless the coat is more appropriate.

No name tags, ribbons, or breast insignia are worn with the sweater. When the sweater is worn with either the Tropical Blue Long or the Working Blue uniform, the collar is worn on the outside. The wooly pulley sweater may be worn beneath the trench coat, reefer coat, and the poly/wool windbreaker.

3.J.1.b. Watch Sweater

The watch sweater is a pullover jersey sweater. It shall be the navy issue style, dark blue 100 percent wool, "watch" sweater. This garment is authorized on board operational units only, for wear over or under the work uniform.

3.J.2. WORK JACKET

The work jacket will be made of navy blue polyester/cotton material with a zippered front closure. It will have breast pockets with zipper closure, welt hip pockets, raglan sleeves, knitted wristlets, and will be fully lined.

Only two Coast Guard related identification patches may be worn on the blue work jacket. It is an optional item worn with the undress uniform. It may be prescribed to be worn by enlisted members with the working blue or undress uniforms.

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3.J.3. WINDBREAKER

The windbreaker will be the approved Air Force dark blue polyester/wool blend material or the polyester/cotton material, and is worn by both men and women. The jacket will be single-breasted with, plain collar, epaulets, zippered front closure, and a welt pocket on each forepart. The polyester/wool windbreaker has a removable liner. The polyester/wool windbreaker may be worn over the wooly pully sweater. The sweater may not extend below the bottom of the jacket.

The windbreaker may be worn as an optional item with the following uniforms:

- Working Blue
- Undress Blue
- Winter Dress Blue
- Tropical Blue Long

Only the polyester/wool windbreaker may be worn in lieu of the service dress blue coat unless the service dress blue coat is more appropriate, such as at a function

3.J.4. REEFER COAT

The reefer coat will be made of Coast Guard blue, shade 3362, certified material. It will be double-breasted, hip length, with convertible collar, set-in pockets and a single row of four 35-ligne Coast Guard gilt buttons in each fore part, and is worn by both men and women. Officers will wear hard shoulder boards. The reefer coat is worn as an optional item with the following uniforms:

- Undress Blue
- Winter Dress Blue
- Service Dress Blue B
- Service Dress Blue A

3.J.5. TRENCH COAT

The trench coat will be made of dark blue shade 3376 polyester/cotton water-repellent material. It will be double-breasted with four-button closure, shoulder epaulets, belted waist, and a removable liner. The length of the trench coat should extend to a point approximately 2 inches below the back of the knee. Officers will wear metal shoulder insignia. The trench coat is worn as an optional item with all uniforms.

3.J.6. OVERCOAT

The overcoat will be of conventional length in Coast Guard blue, shade 3362, from approved fabrics. It will be fully lined, semi-fitted style, with lay down collar and notched lapel, set-in sleeves, flap weld hip pockets with a single row of four 35-ligne Coast Guard gilt buttons. Officers will wear hard shoulder boards. The overcoat is worn as an optional item with the following uniforms:

- Undress Blue
- Winter Dress Blue
- Service Dress Blue B
- Service Dress Blue A

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3.J.8. BRIDGE COAT

The bridge coat is made of wool-melton type fabric in Coast Guard blue, shade 3362. The Coast Guard bridge coat is the only one authorized and is available from the Coast Guard Academy. Officers will wear hard shoulder boards. The bridge coat is an optional item for officers.

3.J.9. BOAT CLOAK

The boat cloak will be made of dark blue woolen fabric, which may be water repellent. The shape will be a full three quarters of a circle and will extend to approximately 2 inches below the knee cap. It will have a circular velvet collar. Closure will be with hooks and eyes at the collar and one set of silk or mohair frogs on the chest.

The boat cloak is an optional item for male officers to be worn with the Formal Dress Blue Jacket uniform and Dinner Dress Blue/White Jacket uniform. The boat cloak is an optional item for men when wearing the Formal/Dinner Dress Blue or White Jacket uniforms.

3.J.10. FORMAL CAPE

The formal cape will be made of dark blue woolen fabric, lined throughout with gold-colored cloth and will have a velvet collar. The collar will be closed at the neck by means of black hooks and eyes and across the breast by frogs.

The formal cape is an optional item for female officers to be worn with Formal/Dinner Dress Blue or White Jacket uniforms. The formal cape is an optional item for women when wearing the Formal/Dinner Dress Blue or White jacket.

3.J.11. EARMUFFS

Earmuffs will be plain dark blue or black. They are an optional item worn in cold weather conditions. The band should be worn either under or below the required headgear with the headband to the rear of the head/neck.

3.J.12. GLOVES

The black gloves are an optional item, they will be made of plain leather or other suitable material. The white gloves are a required item and they will be made of plain white cotton. Stitching will match the color of the glove.

3.J.13. SCARVES

The blue or the white scarves will be of conventional size and made of tightly woven wool or silk material of plain design. The white scarf is an optional item when wearing a dress uniform and one of the following outer garments:

- Trench coat
- Reefer coat
- Overcoat

The blue scarf is worn with a jacket when wearing the Working Blue or Undress uniforms.

3.K. MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

3.K.1. HANDBAGS

The handbag will be of plain black or white (as appropriate) leather or synthetic material, unadorned, envelope style not more than 11 inches wide, 8 inches high, and 5 inches deep.

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It may have a detachable shoulder strap and may be used with or without the strap. The strap will be adjustable for wearing over the shoulder or carrying over the arm. The dress handbag used with the Formal or Dinner uniform will consist of a small clutch type black/white bag, (as appropriate) preferably with a collapsible handle.

3.K.2. UMBRELLA

Umbrellas will be the telescoping type shaft with a straight handle and made of plain black material. The umbrella is an optional item and is authorized to be used with any uniform.

3.K.3. SUSPENDERS

Suspenders are an optional item and will be plain white or blue in color without design.

3.K.4. DUFFEL BAG

The duffel bag is a required item. It will consist of a canvas bag, olive drab shade, OD-7, with an opening at one end which can be closed by a lock secured through grommets. The bag will have a small patch pocket on one side and will be equipped with a carrying strap and two shoulder straps.

3.L. MATERNITY UNIFORM ITEMS

Maternity Uniform Clothing Allowance

Active and Reserve enlisted women are entitled to a Supplementary Clothing Allowance, which will be used to purchase the Air Force Maternity uniform. When an individual requests payment of this allowance, the individual's commanding officer will certify the pregnancy and approve payment of the Supplementary Clothing Allowance in writing. The prescribed PMIS entry is used to report entitlement of this allowance, refer to the PMIS Manual, COMDTINST M 1080.5 series. The allowance is designed to allow the individual to purchase one long sleeved and one short sleeved service dress maternity shirt, one skirt, and one pair of trousers. Subsequent payment of this Supplementary Clothing Allowance will not be authorized within three years of the date of approval of an earlier request. Entitlement is not authorized if the pregnancy terminates before the uniforms are bought.

The Air Force Maternity uniform is authorized for use by Coast Guard women.

Procurement Procedures

The Maternity uniform may be purchased directly from the Uniform Distribution Center, Cape May. Personnel may call the Uniform Distribution Center to use a credit card to purchase the uniform or use order form CG-3019A.

Prices are listed in COMDTINST 10120.2 series, Uniform Clothing Standard Price List, using the order form CG-3019A as used for regular uniform orders. The maternity uniform may also be purchased directly (at higher cost) from AAFES Uniform Shops.

When Worn

The Air Force Maternity Uniform will be worn by pregnant women when their regular uniforms no longer fit.

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Commanding officers may authorize pregnant women to wear civilian clothing when the Air Force Maternity uniform no longer fits comfortably. The type of civilian clothing must be comparable to the uniform the individual would normally wear. Women may wear this uniform for up to 60 days after returning from maternity leave, if the regular uniform does not fit.

3.L.1. MATERNITY SERVICE DRESS COAT

The Air Force maternity dress coat is blue, made of 100% polyester year-round fabric. Attachments are worn in the same manner as the Coast Guard blue dress coat. The buttons on the Air Force maternity dress coat will be replaced with the same buttons which are on the Coast Guard dress coat.

3.L.2. TUNIC/JUMPER

The Air Force tunic/jumper is made of the same material as the dress coat. It may be worn in the same manner as the dress coat or it may be worn as an undress uniform.

3.L.3. MATERNITY SHIRTS

The Air Force Maternity shirts are long and short sleeved shirts, Air Force light blue, shade 1550.

3.L.4. MATERNITY TROUSERS

The maternity trousers are made of the same material as the dress coat. They are worn as dress or undress trousers.

3.L.5. MATERNITY SKIRT

The maternity skirt is made of the same material as the dress coat. It is worn only with the dress uniform.

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Chapter 4. Uniform Descriptions

Chapter Four describes uniforms, excluding specialty uniforms, worn by Coast Guard personnel. All items worn with a particular uniform are identified with the uniform. For quick reference see Table 4-R-1 at the end of this chapter.

Uniforms required by certain ranks are also listed in this chapter.

4.A. WORKING BLUE UNIFORM



The Working Blue uniform shall be worn when engaged in physical labor or other work or an environment which would soil the uniform.

The Working Blue uniform is authorized for wear while commuting in a private vehicle between the workplace and residence of the member, including brief non-social stops, such as for gas and drive-through window use. It is not a liberty uniform. Uniforms used for travel **MUST** be clean and presentable without holes, rips, tears, or stains.

Headgear: The working blue cap is required when wearing the Working Blue uniform.

The following headgear items are optional when wearing the Working Blue Uniform:

- Unit ball caps
- Garrison cap
- Watch cap is authorized for cold weather use only
- Cold weather cap is authorized for cold/seasonal use only

Shirt: The working blue shirt is required.

The long sleeved work shirt may be worn as an optional item. Wear of the working blue shirt is dependent upon the dress uniform in effect. When the Service Dress Blue uniform is prescribed the long sleeved shirt will be worn. When the Tropical Blue uniform is prescribed the short sleeved shirt will be worn.

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Nametags: Nametags are optional. However, if the cloth name tape is worn, the U.S. Coast Guard name tape must also be worn.

Collar Devices: Personnel E-4 and above shall wear collar devices.

Trousers: The blue utility trousers shall be worn.

Belt: The black belt is required.

Shoes: Black Safety Boots may be prescribed. Boat shoes are optional or they may be prescribed while working on or around boats only.

Black dress shoes are worn as an optional item when the work situation does not require safety shoes.

Black dress shoes made of "Corfram" or other poromeric material may not be worn when "hot work" is being performed and may not be worn aboard ship, except immediately upon arrival or prior to departure and when authorized by the commanding officer. Overshoes are an optional item.

Socks: Black socks are required to be worn.

Sweaters: The Watch Sweater and the Woolly Pully are worn as optional items. They are authorized for seasonal use only.

Outerwear:

The Working Blue Jacket may be prescribed for enlisted members. The following jackets/coats are worn as an optional item when wearing the Working Blue uniform:

Windbreaker

Trench Coat

Unit provided cold/foul weather gear may be worn while performing work aboard the unit and while commuting to and from the unit, although it must be in presentable condition at all times.

Scarf: The blue scarf is an optional item for wear with the working blue jacket or the windbreaker.

The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the Trench Coat.

Gloves: Black gloves are an optional item which may be prescribed. They are authorized for seasonal use only.

Handbag: The black handbag is an optional item for women.

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4.B. UNDRESS BLUE UNIFORM



The Undress Blue uniform is authorized for wear while commuting in a private vehicle between workplace and residence of the member, including brief non-social stops, such as for gas and drive-through window use. The uniform must be clean and presentable without holes, rips, tears, stains, and must not bring discredit upon the individual, the unit, or the Coast Guard. It is not a liberty uniform.

Headgear: The following headgear are optional items when wearing the Undress Blue uniform:

- Working blue/Unit ball cap
- Cold weather caps authorized for cold weather/seasonal use only
- Garrison cap may also be prescribed
- The combination cap may be prescribed.

Shirt: The shirt shall be the light blue, Air Force shade 1550, long sleeved, or short sleeved.

The dark blue winter shirt is an optional item which may be worn in lieu of the light blue shirt.

Collar Devices: Enlisted personnel E-4 and above shall wear collar devices on both long and short sleeved shirts. Officers will wear collar devices on short sleeved shirts.

Necktie: Neckties will be worn with all long sleeved shirts. Men shall wear the blue four-in-hand necktie. Women shall wear the ascot with the light blue shirt (Upon availability the new Coast Guard Blue shade #3362 Overlapping Tab Tie will be the required tie for women, with the ascot being optional.) and the blue four-in-hand tie with the dark blue winter shirt. Neckties may be removed if they pose a safety hazard.

Name Tag: The members' name tag shall be worn unless it poses a safety hazard.

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Enhanced Shoulder Boards: Enhanced Shoulder Boards will be worn by officers when wearing the long sleeved shirt.

Breast Insignia: Breast insignia such as qualification insignia are normally worn on the shirt when wearing the Undress Blue Uniform, except when they pose a safety hazard.

Trousers: The blue utility trousers are required.

Belt: The black belt is required.

Shoes: Black Dress Shoes are required.

Boat shoes are an optional item or may be prescribed only while working on or around boats.

Black safety shoes may be prescribed. Overshoes are an optional item.

Socks: Black socks are required to be worn.

Sweater: The wooly pully sweater is worn as an optional item.

Outerwear:

The working blue jacket is an optional item which may also be prescribed when wearing the Undress Blue Uniform. The following jackets/coats are worn as an optional item when wearing the Undress Blue Uniform:

Wind Breaker

Overcoat

Trench Coat

Reefer

Unit provided cold/foul weather gear may be worn while performing work aboard the unit and while commuting to and from the unit, although it must be in presentable condition at all times.

Scarves: The blue scarf is an optional item when wearing outerwear, (coats or jackets).

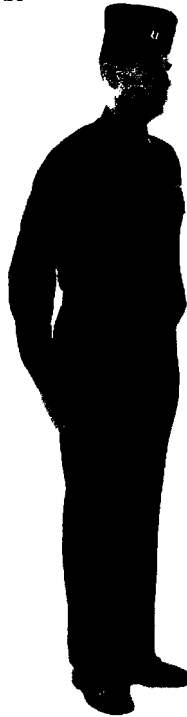
The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the Trench Coat.

Gloves: Black gloves are an optional item which may be prescribed. They are authorized for seasonal use only.

Handbag: The black handbag is an optional item for women.

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4.C. WINTER DRESS BLUE UNIFORM



The Winter Dress Blue uniform may be worn in lieu of Service Dress Blue B to compensate for climate variation as per prescribing authority. It may not be worn for functions which require the Service Dress Blue B.

Headgear: The following headgear are optional items when wearing the Winter Dress Blue uniform:

The garrison cap is an optional item or may be prescribed.

The cold weather cap is an optional item authorized for seasonal use only.

The combination cap may be prescribed.

Shirt: The Winter Dress Blue (CPO) shirt shall be worn,

Collar Device: Personnel E-4 and above shall wear collar devices.

Necktie: The blue four-in-hand necktie shall be worn.

Name Tag: The name tag shall be worn.

Ribbons: Ribbons shall be worn.

Breast Insignia and Badges: Breast insignia and badges shall be worn.

Trousers: The blue dress trousers shall be worn.

Belt: The black belt is required.

Skirts: Women may wear the blue skirt unless otherwise prohibited.

Shoes: Black Dress Shoes are required when wearing the Winter Dress Uniform. For women, black pumps or Service Dress shoes may be worn with either the skirt or Blue Dress trousers; unless otherwise prescribed.

Overshoes are an optional item

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Socks: Black socks are required to be worn when wearing trousers with the Winter Dress Uniform. Stockings shall be worn by women when wearing pumps with the Winter Dress Uniform as per chapter 3.I.

Outerwear:

The following outerwear are worn as optional items when wearing the Winter Dress uniform:

- The Wooly Pully sweater
- Windbreaker
- Overcoat
- Trench Coat
- Reefer Coat

Scarf: The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the: Overcoat, Reefer coat and Trench Coat

Gloves: Black gloves are an optional item or may be prescribed. They are authorized for seasonal use only.

Handbag: The black handbag is an optional item for women.

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4.D. TROPICAL BLUE LONG UNIFORM



The Tropical Blue Long uniform is a required uniform for all personnel. The Tropical Blue Long uniform shall be worn to compensate for climate variations as per prescribing authority. When temperatures or other weather conditions may cause undue physical discomfort, the senior officer concerned may prescribe the Tropical Blue Long uniform in lieu of Full Dress uniform for change of command and other ceremonies for some or all of the involved personnel, as appropriate.

The Tropical Blue Long uniform may be worn on all occasions where no other uniforms are prescribed or while in a travel status. Tropical Blue Long uniform is not acceptable for wear at any event or function where coat and tie is the required or expected civilian attire.

Headgear: The following headgear are optional items when wearing the Tropical Blue Long uniform:

- The combination cap is an optional item or may be prescribed.
- The garrison cap is an optional item or may be prescribed.
- The working blue cap is an optional item or may be prescribed for shipboard use when authorized by the commanding officer.
- The unit ball cap is an optional item for shipboard use when authorized by the commanding officer.

Shirt: The Tropical Blue Uniform shirt shall be short sleeved light blue, Air Force shade 1550, with or without epaulets.

Shoulder Boards: Officers shall wear the enhanced shoulder boards when wearing shirts with epaulets, hard shoulder boards when wearing a shirt without epaulets.

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Collar Devices: Enlisted personnel E-4 and above shall wear collar devices.

Name Tag: The name tag shall be worn.

Ribbons: Ribbons shall be worn.

Breast Insignia and Badges: Breast Insignia and Badges shall be worn.

Trousers: The blue dress trousers shall be worn.

Skirt: Women may wear the blue skirt unless otherwise prohibited.

Belt: The black belt is required when wearing trousers.

Shoes:

Oxford: Black dress shoes are required.

For women, black pumps or Service Dress shoes may be worn with either the skirt or Blue Dress trousers; unless otherwise prescribed.

Boat shoes are an optional item or may be required. They may only be worn when working on or around boats.

Overshoes are an optional item.

Socks: Black socks are required to be worn. Stockings shall be worn by women wearing pumps as per chapter 3.I..

Sweater: The Woolly Pully sweater is worn as an optional item.

Outerwear:

The following jackets/coats are worn as optional items when wearing the Tropical Blue Long Uniform:

Windbreaker

Trench Coat

Scarf: The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the:

Reefer Coat

Trench Coat

Handbag: The black handbag is an optional item for women.

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4.E. TROPICAL BLUE SHORT UNIFORM

The Tropical Blue Short uniform shall consist of the same items as the Tropical Blue Long uniform with the exception of the trousers and the socks.

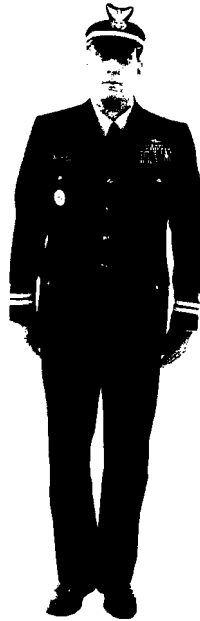
The tropical Blue Short uniform may be authorized for optional wear by commanding officers and officers-in-charge when environmental conditions warrant.

Trousers: The trousers worn shall be shorts made from the Tropical Blue Long uniform trousers. They shall be cut no higher than 2 inches above the knees.

Socks: The socks shall be plain or rib knit material. The top of the sock shall be no lower than 1 inch below the bottom of the knee.

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4.F. SERVICE DRESS BLUE (B) UNIFORM



The Service Dress Blue B uniform is a required basic uniform for all personnel. The Service Dress Blue B uniform shall be worn on all occasions when the wearing of a uniform is prescribed or appropriate except when another uniform is indicated.

This uniform shall be worn for all business and informal social occasions correct for local custom.

Headgear: When wearing the Service Dress Blue B uniform, the combination cap may be prescribed.

The garrison cap is optional or may be prescribed.

The cold weather cap is authorized for seasonal use only.

Service Dress Coat: The service dress blue coat is normally worn with the Service Dress Blue B uniform. The coat may be removed indoors within the limits of Coast Guard activities after the completion of formal ceremonies or presentations.

Sweater: The wooly-pully sweater is an optional item and may be worn in lieu of the service dress blue coat.

Ribbons: Ribbons are required to be worn on the service dress coat.

Name Tag: The name tag is required to be worn on the service dress blue coat.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Breast insignia and badges are required to be worn on the service dress blue coat.

Shirt:

Men: The shirt shall be the Air Force light blue long or short sleeved.

Women: Wear either the old or new style short or long sleeved light blue shirts. They are also authorized to wear the men's A/F type shirt when it provides a better fit.

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Collar Devices: Enlisted members E-4 and above shall wear collar devices on the short or long sleeved shirts when wearing the Service Dress Blue (B) uniform.

Enhanced Shoulder Boards: Officers shall wear the enhanced shoulder boards on the shirt when the service dress blue coat is removed and when wearing the woolly pully sweater.

Necktie: A necktie is required when wearing the Service Dress Blue Bravo uniform. Men shall wear the blue four-in-hand tie and woman shall wear the ascot. (Upon availability the new Coast Guard Blue shade #3362 Overlapping Tab Tie will be the required tie for women, with the ascot being optional.)

Name Tag: The name tag is required on the service dress blue coat. women, with the ascot being optional.)

Trousers: Blue dress trousers shall be worn.

Skirt: When wearing the Service Dress Blue B uniform the skirt is required, unless prohibited. In that case, trousers would then be required for women. Refer to trousers in Chapter Three.

Belt: The black belt with buckle is required by personnel wearing trousers with belt loops.

Shoes: Black dress shoes are required for men. For women, black pumps or Service Dress shoes may be worn with either the skirt or Blue Dress trousers, unless otherwise prescribed.
Overshoes are an optional item.

Socks: When wearing the black dress shoes, black socks are required. Women's stockings shall be plain, flesh toned when worn with skirts.

When wearing pumps with the blue dress trousers, women may wear flesh toned or black stockings (hosiery).

Outerwear:

The following jackets/coats are worn as an optional item when wearing the Service Dress Blue B uniform:

- Windbreaker (poly-wool) may be worn in lieu of the service dress blue coat
- Overcoat
- Trench Coat
- Reefer

Scarf: The white scarf is optional when wearing the following: Overcoat, Trench Coat, and Reefer.

Gloves: Black Gloves are optional, or may be prescribed for seasonal use only.

Handbag: The black handbag is an optional item for women.

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4.G. SERVICE DRESS BLUE (A) UNIFORM



The Service Dress Blue A uniform is a modification of the Service Dress Blue B uniform. The Service Dress Blue (A) uniform is worn for business and informal social occasions as correct for local custom.

It is also worn for any of the following:
Official visits of or to United States civil officials, Officers of the United States Armed Forces, and officials of foreign governments.
As prescribed by U.S. Coast Guard Regulations.
Official Visits and Calls.
Ceremonies, solemnities, and entertainment when the senior officer considers it desirable to pay special honor to the occasion.
Parades, ceremonies, and reviews when the commanding officer considers it desirable to pay special honors to the occasion.
Social activities outside working hours when dinner dress or evening dress is not appropriate.

Headgear: The combination cap is required to be worn.

Service Dress Coat: The service dress blue coat shall be worn at all times.

Ribbons: Ribbons are required to be worn on the service dress coat.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Breast insignia and badges are required to be worn on the service dress blue coat.

Name Tag: The name tag is required to be worn on the service dress blue coat.

Shirt: The white dress shirt is required to be worn.

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Necktie: Men shall wear the blue four-in-hand necktie and women shall wear the black Tab tie. (Upon availability the new Coast Guard Blue shade #3362 Overlapping Tab Tie will be the required tie for women.)

Trousers: Blue dress trousers shall be worn by men.

Skirt: The skirt is required for women unless prohibited. In that case trousers would then be required. Refer to trousers in Chapter Three.

Belt: The black belt with buckle is required by personnel wearing trousers with belt loops.

Shoes: Black dress shoes are required when wearing trousers. For women, black pumps or Service Dress shoes may be worn with either the skirt or Blue Dress trousers, unless otherwise prescribed. Overshoes are an optional item.

Socks: When wearing the black dress shoes with the Service Dress Blue A uniform, black socks are required. When wearing a skirt; women shall wear plain flesh toned stockings.

When wearing pumps with the blue dress trousers, women may wear either black stockings (hosiery) or stockings that approximate the wearer's skin tone.

Outerwear:

The following jackets/coats are worn as an optional item when wearing the Service Dress Blue (A) uniform:

- Overcoat
- Trench Coat
- Reefer

Scarf: The white scarf is optional when wearing the Overcoat, Trench Coat, and Reefer.

Handbag: The black handbag is an optional item for women.

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4.H. SERVICE DRESS WHITE UNIFORM



The Service Dress White uniform is worn by officers. It is worn for business and informal social occasions as correct for local custom except when another uniform is prescribed.

Headgear: The combination cap is required.

Coat: The white dress coat is required.

Ribbons: Ribbons shall be worn on the white dress coat.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Will be worn on the white dress coat.

Name Tag: The name tag is required to be worn.

Shoulder Boards: Hard shoulder boards are required on the service dress white coat.

Shirt: Women are required to wear the white shirt.

Necktie: Women shall wear the black Tab tie. (Upon availability the new Coast Guard Blue shade #3362 Overlapping Tab Tie will be the required tie for women.)

Trousers: White dress trousers shall be worn.

Belt: The white belt shall be worn.

Skirt: The white skirt is an optional item for women or it may be prescribed.

Shoes: White dress shoes are required. For women, white pumps or white Service Dress shoes may be worn with either the skirt or White Dress trousers; unless otherwise prescribed.

Socks: White socks shall be worn. Plain flesh toned stockings shall be worn when wearing the white skirt.

Outerwear: The trench coat and overshoes are worn as optional items.

Scarf: The white scarf is worn as an optional item when wearing the trench coat.

Handbag: The white handbag is for optional use by women.

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4.I. FULL DRESS WHITE UNIFORM



The Full Dress White uniform worn by officers is the same uniform as the Service Dress White uniform, with the exception of name tag, ribbons, medals, gloves, and sword.
Women do not wear skirts when wearing the sword.

The Full Dress White Uniform shall be worn for the following occasions:

- Change of command ceremonies, unless another uniform is prescribed.
- Official visits with honor, see Coast Guard Regulations, COMDTINST M5000.3
- Visits of ceremony to foreign men-of-war and foreign officials.
- Occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities when personnel are attending in an official capacity.
- Formal occasions on board ship, when it is prescribed.
- Formal personnel inspections, when it is prescribed.

Medals & Ribbons: Large medals shall be worn on the white dress coat. Ribbons are worn on the right breast of the white dress coat. Refer to chapter two for the manner of wear and precedence.

Sword: The sword with sword belt shall be worn.
The senior officer present may prescribe certain individuals to not wear the sword or for specific occasions when the wearing of a sword is considered inappropriate or undesirable.

Gloves: White gloves are required to be worn.

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4.J. FULL DRESS BLUE UNIFORM



The Full Dress Blue uniform is a required uniform for all personnel.
The Full Dress Blue Uniform may be worn for the following occasions:
Change of command ceremonies, unless another uniform is prescribed.
Occasions of state, ceremonies, and solemnities when personnel are attending in an official capacity.
Formal occasions on board ship, when it is prescribed.
Formal personnel inspections, when it is prescribed.
Parades, ceremonies, and reviews, when special honors are being paid.

Headgear: The combination cap is required.

Coat: The blue dress coat is required. The coat shall be worn at all times.

Medals & Ribbons: Large medals are required to be worn. Ribbons are worn on the right breast of the blue dress coat. Refer to chapter two for the manner of wear and precedence.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Are required to be worn.

Shirt: The white shirt is required to be worn.

Necktie: Men shall wear the blue four-in-hand necktie. Women shall wear the black Tab tie. (Upon availability the new Coast Guard Blue shade #3362 Overlapping Tab Tie will be the required tie for women.)

Trousers: The blue dress trousers which match the material of the blue dress coat shall be worn.

Skirt: The Blue skirt is an optional item for women or it may be prescribed.

Belt: The black belt shall be worn.

Sword: The sword with sword belt shall be worn. Women do not wear skirts when wearing the sword.

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The senior officer present may prescribe certain individuals to not wear the sword or for specific occasions when the wearing of a sword is considered inappropriate or undesirable.

Socks: Black socks are required to be worn.

Shoes: Black dress shoes are required for all personnel.

Gloves: White gloves are required to be worn.

Outerwear: The trench coat and overshoes are worn as optional items.

Scarf: The white scarf is worn as an optional item when wearing the trench coat.

Handbag: The black handbag is an optional item for use by women.

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4.K. DINNER DRESS BLUE UNIFORM



The Dinner Dress Blue uniform is worn by all personnel. The Dinner Dress Blue uniform like the Dinner Dress White uniform is worn for private dinners, dinner dances, and club affairs requiring more formality than the Service Dress Blue B uniform.

Head Gear: The combination cap is required.

Coat: The service dress blue coat is required.

Medals: Miniature medals are required.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Miniature breast insignia/badges are required.

Shirt: The white shirt is required to be worn.

Necktie: The black bow tie is required to be worn by men. The black Tab tie is required to be worn by women.

Trousers: The dress trousers are required for men.

Skirt: The blue dress skirt may be worn by women.

Belt: The black belt shall be worn.

Socks: Black socks are required for men. Women are required to wear flesh toned stockings.

Shoes: Black dress shoes are required for men. For women, black pumps or Service Dress shoes may be worn with either the skirt or Blue Dress trousers; unless otherwise prescribed.

Gloves: White gloves are required to be worn.

Outerwear: The trench coat and the overshoes may be worn as optional items.

Scarf: The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the trench coat.

Handbag: The black handbag or the black dress handbag is an optional item for use by women.

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4.L. DINNER DRESS WHITE UNIFORM

The Dinner Dress White uniform is worn by officers. This uniform is worn for private dinners, dinner dances, and club affairs requiring more formality than the Service Dress Blue uniform. This uniform consists of the same items as the Full Dress White uniform with the exception of the miniature medals and insignias/badges. Devices are worn the same as the Dinner Dress Blue uniform.

Head Gear: The combination cap is required.

Coat: The service dress white coat is required. The men's coat has a stand up collar. The women's coat has a rounded collar with overlying half peaked lapels.

Medals: Miniature medals are required.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Miniature breast insignia/badges are required.

Shoulder Boards: Hard shoulder boards are required.

Shirt: The white shirt is required to be worn by women.

Necktie: The black dress necktie/tab is required to be worn by women.

Trousers: White dress trousers are required for men.

Skirt: The white dress skirt may be worn by women.

Belt: The white belt shall be worn.

Socks: White socks are required for men. Women are required to wear flesh toned stockings.

Shoes: White dress shoes are required to be worn by men. For women, black pumps or Service Dress shoes may be worn with either the skirt or white Dress trousers, unless otherwise prescribed.

Gloves: White gloves are required to be worn.

Outerwear: The trench coat and the overshoes may be worn as optional items.

Scarf: The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the trench coat.

Handbag: The white handbag or the white dress handbag are optional items for use by women.

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4.M. DINNER DRESS WHITE JACKET UNIFORM



The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform is a required uniform for Lieutenant Commander and above. It may be a required uniform for the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard or other personnel as directed by the Commandant. It is an optional uniform for Petty Officer Third Class through Lieutenant.

Officers not required to wear the Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform shall wear the Dinner Dress White uniform.

Enlisted personnel not required to wear the Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform shall wear the Dinner Dress Blue uniform.

The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform is worn for private formal dinners, dinner dances, and club affairs at which civilians would normally wear dinner dress attire, black tie.

Headgear: The combination cap is required at the prescribing officer's discretion. The black tiara is worn as an optional item by women.

Coat: The dinner dress white jacket is required.

Shoulder Boards: Hard shoulder boards are required.

Medals: Miniature medals are required.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Miniature breast insignia/badges are required.

Shirt: The white soft front pleated shirt is normally required to be worn by men. However they may wear the plain long sleeved shirt as an optional item. The white dress shirt is required to be worn by women.

For wear with the Formal/Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or White Jacket the white shirt worn at the option of the member is either ruffled or flat pleated.

Necktie: The black bow tie is required to be worn by men. The black formal necktie is required to be worn by women.

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Trousers: Blue evening trousers are required for men.

Suspenders: Suspenders are worn as an optional item.

Skirt: The formal dress skirt is required for women, or a skirt of the same material and color cut to length of the service dress skirt may be worn.

Cummerbund: The gold cummerbund is required.

Socks: Black socks are required for men. Women are required to be wear flesh toned stockings.

Shoes: Black dress shoes are required for men. Black pumps are required for women.

Gloves: White gloves are required to be worn at the prescribing officer's discretion.

Outerwear:

The boat cloak is worn as an optional item by men.

The blue cape is worn as an optional item by women.

The trench coat and the overshoes may be worn as optional items by all personnel.

Scarf: The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the trench coat.

Handbag: The black or white dress handbag is an optional item for use by women.

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4.N. DINNER DRESS BLUE JACKET UNIFORM



The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform is a required uniform for Lieutenant Commander and above. It may be a required uniform for the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard or other personnel as directed by the Commandant. It is an optional uniform for Petty Officer Third Class through Lieutenant.

Officers and enlisted personnel not required to wear the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform shall wear the Dinner Dress Blue uniform. The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform is worn for social functions of a general or official nature at which civilians would normally wear dinner dress attire, black tie.

Headgear: The combination cap is required at the prescribing officer's discretion. The black tiara is worn as an optional item by women.

Coat: The dinner dress blue jacket is required.

Medals: Miniature medals are required.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Miniature breast insignia/badges are required.

Shirt: The white soft front pleated shirt is normally required to be worn by men. However, they may wear the plain long sleeved shirt as an optional item. The white dress shirt is required to be worn by women.

For wear with the Formal/Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or White Jacket the white shirt worn at the option of the member is either ruffled or flat pleated.

Necktie: The black bow tie is required to be worn by men. The black formal necktie is required to be worn by women.

Trousers: Blue evening trousers are required to be worn by men.

Suspenders: Suspenders are worn as an optional item.

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Skirt: The formal dress skirt is required to be worn by women.

Cummerbund: The gold cummerbund is required.

Socks: Black socks are required for men. Women are required to wear flesh toned stockings.

Shoes: Black dress shoes are required for men. Black pumps are required for women.

Gloves: White gloves are required to be worn at the prescribing officer's discretion.

Outerwear:

The boat cloak is worn as an optional item by men.

The blue cape is worn as an optional item by women.

The trench coat and the overshoes may be worn as optional items by all personnel.

Scarf: The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the trench coat.

Handbag: The black dress handbag is an optional item for use by women.

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4.O. FORMAL DRESS BLUE UNIFORM



The Formal Dress Blue uniform is a required uniform for Captains and above. It may be a required uniform for the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard or other personnel as directed by the Commandant. It is an optional uniform for Petty Officer Third Class through Commander.

Personnel not required to wear the Formal Dress Blue uniform shall wear the Dinner Dress Blue uniform.

The Formal Dress Blue uniform is worn at official formal evening functions at which civilians would normally wear formal evening clothes, white tie. It is also worn for State occasions.

Headgear: The combination cap is required at the prescribing officer's discretion.

The black tiara is worn as an optional item by women.

Coat: The dinner dress blue jacket is required.

Medals: Miniature medals are required.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Miniature breast insignia/badges are required.

Shirt: The formal white wing collar shirt is required for men. The white dress shirt is required for women.

Either the ruffled or the flat pleated white shirt is an optional item to wear with the Formal/Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or White Jacket.

Necktie: The white bow tie is required for men. The black formal necktie is required for women.

Waistcoat: The formal waistcoat is required for men and women.

Trousers: Blue evening trousers are required for men.

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Suspenders: Suspenders are worn as an optional item.

Skirt: The formal dress skirt is required to be worn by women.

Cummerbund: The gold cummerbund is required.

Socks: Black socks are required to be worn by men. Women are required to wear flesh toned stockings.

Shoes: Black dress shoes are required to be worn by men. Black pumps are required to be worn by women.

Gloves: White gloves are required to be worn at the prescribing officers discretion.

Outerwear:

The boat cloak is worn as an optional item by men.

The blue cape is worn as an optional item by women.

The trench coat and the overshoes may be worn as optional items by all personnel.

Scarf: The white scarf is an optional item when wearing the trench coat.

Handbag: The black dress handbag is an optional item for use by women.

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4.P. MATERNITY UNIFORMS



Maternity uniforms are worn the same as other Coast Guard uniforms except the Service Dress Blue B and Formal/Dinner uniforms. The following information lists the differences for the Maternity Service Dress Blue B uniform.

For other items pertaining to this uniform refer to Service Dress Blue B uniform.

Dress Coat: The dress blue coat is normally worn. It may also be prescribed. The coat may be removed indoors within the limits of Coast Guard activities after the completion of formal ceremonies or presentations when wearing it with the Service Dress Blue B uniform.

Officers shall wear metal insignia on the epaulets of the dress coat. Enlisted personnel shall wear appropriate sleeve insignia on the service dress coat. The tunic/smock or the long sleeved maternity shirt may be worn in lieu of the dress coat when wearing it as the Service Dress Blue B uniform.

Ribbons: Ribbons are required to be worn on the service dress coat. Ribbons may be worn on the tunic or the long sleeved maternity shirt.

Breast Insignia/Badges: Breast insignia and badges are required to be worn on the service dress blue coat. Breast insignia and badges may be worn on the tunic or the long sleeved maternity shirt.

Name Tag: The name tag is worn on the service dress blue coat, tunic, or the long sleeved shirt.

Shirt: The light blue long sleeved shirt shall be worn.

Necktie: The Ascot is prescribed when wearing the Service Dress Blue B uniform. (Upon availability the new Coast Guard Blue shade #3362 Overlapping Tab Tie will be the required tie for women, with the ascot being optional.)

Outerwear: The last two buttons of the outerwear may be left opened.

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Formal Occasions: Appropriate civilian clothing may be worn by pregnant personnel on those occasions which would normally require formal or dinner dress uniforms.

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4.Q. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

It is the responsibility of all members to maintain their uniforms. Officers and chief petty officers are responsible for procuring and maintaining uniforms appropriate to their assigned duties. No attempt is made to prescribe the number of each uniform item required to be in their possession. There is no requirement given for personal items such as undergarments, socks, or stockings. Sufficient quantities of personal items necessary to ensure acceptable standards of personal hygiene and appearance shall be procured and maintained.

Clothing Allowance:

Section 418, Title 37, U.S. Code states the President may prescribe the quality and kind of clothing which shall be provided to enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. A monthly cash allowance is paid to enlisted personnel for the purpose of maintaining the required numbers of uniforms and ensuring their good condition. This allowance is based upon the useful life of the various uniforms.

4.Q.1. REQUIRED UNIFORMS

The Working Blue uniform is required for E-6 and below.

The Undress Blue uniform is required for all personnel.

The Tropical Blue Long Uniform is required for all personnel.

The Service Dress White Uniform is required for all officers. This includes reserve officers on ADT, SADT, or TEMAC for one year or more.

Service Dress A and B uniforms are required for all personnel.

The Full Dress White uniform is required for all officers. This includes reserve officers on ADT, SADT, or TEMAC for one year or more.

The Full Dress Blue uniform is required for all personnel.

The Dinner Dress White uniform is required for all officers. This includes reserve officers on ADT, SADT, or TEMAC for one year or more.

The Dinner Dress Blue uniform is required for all personnel.

The Dinner Dress White Jacket uniform is required for lieutenant commanders and above on active duty. It is also required for the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard at the discretion of the Commandant. It is an optional uniform for all other officers and enlisted members E-4 and above.

The Dinner Dress Blue Jacket uniform is required for lieutenant commanders and above on active duty. It is also required for the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard at the discretion of the Commandant. It is an optional uniform for all other officers and enlisted members E-4 and above.

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The Formal Dress Blue uniform (Jacket) is required for all 0-6 and above. It is also required for other officers assigned to duty where it would be required by protocol. It is an optional uniform for all other officers and enlisted members E-4 and above.

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4.R. COMPOSITION OF UNIFORMS

4.R.1. COMPOSITION AND DESIGNATION OF UNIFORMS TABLE

	Service Dress Blue Alpha	Service Dress Blue Bravo	Tropical Blue Long	Winter Dress Blue	Undress Blue	Working Blue
Belt: Black (7)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cap: Combination	X	P	P	P	P	O (11)
Garrison		O-P	O-P	O-P	O-P	O-P
Cold Weather		O (12)		O (12)	O (12)	O (12)
Watch						O (12)
Working Blue			O-P (13)		O (10)	X
Unit Ball Cap			O (13)		O (10)	O (10)
Coat: Blue Service	X	P				
Bridge Coat	O	O		O		
Reefer	O	O		O	O	
Trench Coat	O	O	O	O	O	O
Gloves: Black		O-P (12)		O (12)	O (12)	O (12)
Hand Bag: Black (2)	O	O	O	O	O	O
Jacket: Windbreaker		O	O	O	O	O
Working Blue					O-P (14)	O-P (14)
Name Tag	X	X	X	X	P	O
Neck Tie: Ascot (2)		X			X	
Black Dress (2)	X					
Men's Blue	X (1)	X (1)		X	X (1)	
Women's Tab Tie (2)	X	X			X	
Scarf: White	(Optional with Bridge Coat, Reefer, Trench Coat)					
Blue					O	O
Shirts: Dark Blue				X	O	
Light Blue Short		O	X		X	
Light Blue Long		X			X	
White Dress Long	X					
Working Blue						X
Skirt: Blue (2)	X	X	X	X		
Stockings (2)	X	X	X	X		
Socks: Black Dress	X	X	X	X	X	X
Black Boot						O
Shoes: Black Dress	X	X	X	X	X	O
Black Pumps (2)	X (5)	X (5)	X (5)	X (5)	O	
Safety					O-P	O-P
Boat			O-P		O-P	O-P
Sweater: Watch						O-P (12)
Wooly Pully		O	O	O	O	O
Trousers: Blue Dress	X	X	X	X	O	
Working Blue					O-P	X

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Table 4-R-1 Composition and Designation of Uniforms (cont'd)

	Formal Dress Blue Jacket (308)	Dinner Dress Blue Jacket (101 (50)	Dinner Dress White Jacket (101 (50)	Dinner Dress Blue
Belt: Black (1)				X
White				
Suspenders (1)	O	O	O	
Cap: Combination	X(4)	X(4)	X(4)	X
Cape: Blue (2)	O	O	O	
Boat Cloak (1)	O	O	O	
Coat: Blue Service Dress				X
White Service Dress				
Bridge Coat	O	O	O	O
Trench Coat	(Optional with all uniforms)			
Cumberbund: Gold	X(2)	X	X	
Gloves: White	X	X(4)	X(4)	X
Hand Bag: Black (2)				O
White (2)				
Black Dress (2)	O	O	O	O
White Dress (2)			O	
Name Tag				
Neck Tie: White Bow (1)	X			
Black Bow (1)		X	X	X
Women's Black Formal (2)	X	X	X	
Women's Black Dress (2)				
Men's Blue (1)				
Women's Tab Tie (2)				X
Medals: Large				
Medals: Miniature	X	X	X	X
Ribbons				
Scarf: White	(Optional with Bridge and Trench Coat)			
Shirt: White, Dress (2)	X	X	X	
White, Short Sleeved (2)				X
Formal, White, Wing Collar	X			
White, Plain, Long Sleeved (1)		O	O	X
White, Pleated, Soft Front (1)		X	X	O
Skirt: Formal Dress (2)	X	X	X	
Blue (2)		O	O	X
White (2)				
Stockings (2)	X	X	X	X
Socks: Black Dress	X	X	X	X
White Dress				
Shoes: Black Dress	X(1)	X(1)	X(1)	X(1)
Black Pumps (2)	X	X	X	X
White Pumps (2)				
White Dress				
Sword with Belt (15)				
Trousers: Blue Evening	X	X	X	
Blue Dress				X(1)
White				
Waist Coat, Formal	X(1)			

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Table 4-R-1 Composition and Designation of Uniforms (cont'd)

	Dinner Dress White (15)	Full Dress Blue	Full Dress White (12)	Service Dress White (15)
Belt: Black (7)		X		
White	X		X	X
Suspenders (1)				
Cap: Combination	X	X	X	X
Cane: Blue (2)				
Boat Cloak (1)				
Coat: Blue Service Dress		X		
White Service Dress	X		X	X
Bridge Coat	O	O	O	O
Trench Coat	(Optional with all uniforms)			
Cumberbund: Gold				
Gloves: White	X	X	X	
Hand Bag: Black (2)		O		
White (2)	O		O	O
Black Dress (2)				
White Dress (2)	O			
Name Tag				X
Neck Tie: White Bow (1)				
Black Bow (1)				
Women's Black Formal (2)	X			
Women's Black Dress (2)				
Men's Blue (1)		X		
Women's Tab Tie (2)		X	X	X
Medals: Large		X	X	
Medals: Miniature	X			
Ribbons		X (6)	X (6)	X
Scarf: White	(Optional with Bridge and Trench Coat)			
Shirt: White, Dress (2)				
White, Short Sleeved (2)	X	X	X	X
Formal, White, Wing Collar				
White, Plain, Long Slyed (1)		X		
White, Pleated, Soft Front (1)				
Skirt: Formal Dress (2)				
Blue (2)				
White (2)	X			O-P
Stockings (2)	X			X
Socks: Black Dress		X		
White Dress	X		X	X
Shoes: Black Dress		X		
Black Pumps (2)				
White Pumps (2)	X		X	X
White Dress	X (4)		X	X
Sword with Belt (15)		X	X	
Trousers: Blue Evening				
Blue Dress		X		
White	X (1)		X	X
Waist Coat, Formal				

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Table 4-R-1.a. Notation guide.

X = REQUIRED

P = MAY BE PRESCRIBED

O = OPTIONAL

O-P OPTIONAL, MAY BE PRESCRIBED

- (1) Males only.
- (2) Females only.
- (3) Required for LCDR and above. Optional for other officers, and enlisted E-4 and above. Not authorized for E-3 and below.
- (4) At prescribing officer's discretion.
- (5) Worn with stocking only.
- (6) For those awards not having corresponding medals. Worn on right side in order of precedence, from inboard to out board.
- (7) Worn with trousers only.
- (8) May be required for MCPOCG as directed by Commandant.
- (9) Worn with appropriate outerwear (see 3.J. 14).
- (10) May only be worn onboard one's unit.
- (11) E-7 and above only.
- (12) Authorized seasonal use only.
- (13) Shipboard use only, when authorized by commanding officer.
- (14) Enlisted members only.
- (15) Officers only.
- (16) See chapter 3.H for appropriateness of wear.

4.R.2. SERVICE EQUIVALENT UNIFORMS

Coast Guard personnel on duty with or attending military functions with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, wear uniforms corresponding to those prescribed for personnel of the associated service. The following table shows Coast Guard equivalent uniforms.

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4.R.2.A. TABLE OF SERVICE EQUIVALENT UNIFORMS

Coast Guard	Navy	Marine Corps	Army	Air Force	When worn.
Formal Dress	Formal Dress	Evening Dress	Blue Mess Evening Dress	Blue Formal Dress	Official formal evening functions. State occasions.
Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Dinner Dress Blue Jacket	Evening Dress	Blue Mess Dress	Blue Mess Dress	Social functions of general or official nature.
Dinner Dress White Jacket	Dinner Dress White Jacket	Mess Dress	White Mess Dress	Blue Mess Dress	Private formal dinners, dinner dances or club affairs.
Dinner Dress Blue	Dinner Dress Blue	Dress Blue A	Army Blue (bow-tie)	Ceremonial Dress Blue	Same as Dinner Mess Dress but less formal occasions requiring more formality than service uniforms
Dinner Dress White	Dinner Dress White	Dress White A	Army White (bow-tie)	Ceremonial Dress White	
Full Dress Blue	Full Dress Blue	Dress Blue A or B	Army Green Blue	Ceremonial Dress Blue	Parades, ceremonies and reviews when special honors are being paid.
Full Dress White	Full Dress White	Dress White A or B	Army White	Ceremonial Dress White	Official visits of and to U.S. and foreign officials.
Service Dress Blue A or B	Service Dress Blue	Service A	Army Green	Service Dress	Business and informal social occasions as correct for local custom.
Service Dress White	Service Dress White		Army White	Service Dress	
Tropical Blue Long	Summer Khaki	Service C	Army Green	Service Uniform	To compensate for climate variations as per prescribing authority
Winter Dress Blue	White Winter Blue	Service B	Army Green	Service Uniform	
Undress Blue	Aviation Working Green Blue	Utility	Battle Dress	Utility	When working in field or plant environment. When in environments where soiling clothing is expected.
Winter Undress	Winter Work Khaki Blue				
Working Blue	Dungaree				

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CHAPTER 5. SPECIALTY UNIFORMS/CLOTHING

Specialty uniforms/clothing are worn by various personnel such as Chaplains, or personnel participating in divine services, Public Health Service officers, honor guards, drill teams, Coast Guard Band, and food service personnel. Other types of specialty uniforms/clothing are considered organizational clothing and are worn for safety reasons or a specific function. The regulations in this chapter shall be followed for uniformity. Coast Guard Academy cadets, officer candidates and Maritime Academy Reserve Training Program (MARTP) uniforms will be covered in their respective unit instructions.

5.A. RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Religious apparel/items may be worn by Coast Guard personnel when attending or participating in divine services, or as authorized in this section.

Grooming standards shall be followed as per chapter one.

Religious apparel/items are defined as articles worn as part of the doctrinal or traditional observance of the religious faith practiced by the member.

No religious items will be affixed to any article of the uniform, but may be suspended from a chain.

A complete prohibition on the wearing of any visible item of religious apparel may be appropriate under circumstances which require absolute uniformity (e.g., while wearing historical or ceremonial uniforms, participating in parades, honor or color guards or recruit training). Determinations as to whether particular items of religious apparel may be worn with the uniform shall be made by G-WPM-1. Personnel desiring approval of a particular religious article to be worn with the uniform shall submit their requests through their chain of command to the G-WPM-1. Include complete descriptive and background data, photographs, copies of precept or doctrine which require the article's wear in the request.

Manner of Wear: Religious items or ~~articles not visible~~ or otherwise apparent may be worn with the uniform, provided they do not interfere with the performance of duties, or interfere with the proper wearing of any article of the uniform. Visible items of religious articles must not:

- Detract from the traditional orderly appearance of the uniform
- Be showy in size, design, brightness, or color
- Interfere with the proper wearing of any article of the uniform or protective clothing
- Otherwise impair the accomplishment of the military mission

Church Vestments: Chaplains may uncover or wear the vestments of the church to which they belong on required occasions, when conducting divine services, and during the performance of rites and rituals distinct to their faith.

5.A.1. U.S. NAVY CHAPLAIN

U.S. Navy chaplains detailed to the Coast Guard may elect to wear the Coast Guard uniform. The Coast guard will provide as a permanent issue; uniforms to U.S. Navy Chaplains on duty with the Coast Guard who are required to maintain a Navy uniform when Coast Guard policy dictates or when it is determined to be in the best interest of the Coast Guard to be in Coast Guard Blue. This determination may be made by district

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commanders or commanding officers of Headquarters units. Unit commanding officers may make this determination when designated by the district commander. The following items should be charged against unit operating funds (AFC 30):

- One Coast Guard Trench Coat.
- One Windbreaker
- One SDB Jacket.
- Three SDB Trousers for men or any combination of trousers and skirts not to exceed three items for women.
- Five long sleeved light blue dress shirts.
- Five short sleeved light blue dress shirts.

Insignia, devices, stripping and other such articles are not included in this issue. The cost of these items must be borne by the individual.

Chaplains will wear the same uniform as that prescribed for commissioned officers of corresponding grades except that they will wear:

- United States Navy cap device.
- Public Health Service cap band and mount, Coast Guard blue color.
- Navy Chaplain Corps sleeve insignia, Coast Guard blue color.
- Coast Guard blue hard or enhanced shoulder boards with appropriate Navy Chaplain Corps insignia.
- Navy Chaplain Corps collar insignia.
- Refer to the U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations for the manner of wearing the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps insignia.

5.B. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE OFFICERS

The uniform for Public Health Service officers detailed to the Coast Guard shall be the same as the uniform prescribed for officers of the Coast Guard of corresponding grades, with the following exceptions:

- Public Health Service cap device.
- Public Health Service sleeve insignia.
- Public Health Service shoulder mark insignia shall be substituted for Coast Guard insignia.

5.B.1. WEARING MEDALS AND RIBBONS

Public Health Service officers shall wear medals, ribbons, or other insignia which they have been awarded. Coast Guard awards shall have precedence over equivalent awards of other Services when worn on the Coast Guard uniform.

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5.C. CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD, COLOR GUARDS AND SILENT DRILL TEAMS

5.C.1. CEREMONIAL HONOR GUARD

The Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard shall wear their designated specialty uniform when they provide Coast Guard representation at official federal, state, local, and Coast Guard functions. Joint Service participation by the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard is scheduled and directed by Headquarters, Military District of Washington. Performances include Full Honors Arrival Ceremonies for visiting foreign dignitaries at the White House and Pentagon, wreath laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, state funerals for high ranking officials, Joint Services Color Details and Coast Guard funerals throughout the Washington DC area.

5.C.1.a. Honor and Color Guards

Other Honor and Color Guards shall wear their designated specialty uniform when they participate in official government functions, parades, and civil events in addition to the events listed for the Ceremonial Honor Guard. They also function to improve public awareness of the Coast Guard.

The following is a list of where the other Honor Guards are located:

Training Center Cape May, NJ.
Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, VA.
Training Center Petaluma, CA.

The following list identifies other Color Guards within the Coast Guard:

Cutters, 200 feet or more in length.
Shore units having 40 or more enlisted members authorized.

5.C.2. DRILL TEAMS

There are two Drill Teams; one is the U.S. Coast Guard Silent Drill Team, the other is the Precision Drill Team for Training Center Cape May, NJ. The U.S. Coast Guard Silent Drill Team is composed of members of the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard. The Precision Drill Team at Recruit Training Center Cape May is composed of members from recruit companies. They shall wear their specialty uniform when performing for parades, festivals, sports and civic events. They also function to improve public awareness of the Coast Guard and as an aid to recruiting.

5.C.3. ATTACHMENTS FOR CEREMONIAL UNIFORMS

5.C.3.a. White Shoulder Cords

The White Shoulder Cords are similar to Army Infantry. They are constructed of a series of interlocking square knots around a center cord. They are worn on the left shoulder of the Full Dress uniform, secured halfway between the neck and the shoulder by a 28 Ligne button.

The white shoulder cord with brass tip will be worn by the Coast Guard Silent Drill Team.

The white shoulder cord without the brass tip is worn by the Coast Guard Honor Guard.

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With outer wear, the shoulder cord shall be worn over the outer wear.

5.C.3.b. Blue Shoulder Cords

The blue shoulder cords, color 67003, shall worn is with the Tropical Blue and Undress Uniforms. They are worn on the left shoulder, secured half way between the neck and the shoulder by a 28 Ligne button.

The blue shoulder cord with brass tip will be worn by the U.S. Coast Guard Silent Drill Team and is optional for the other Silent Drill Teams.

The blue shoulder cord without the brass tip is worn by the Coast Guard Honor Guard.
With outer wear, the shoulder cord shall be worn over the outer wear.

5.C.3.c. Ceremonial Belts

A white military belt (MIL-B-21880), is worn as an optional item. It may be worn with a plain brass buckle, not larger than 3 inches high and 4 inches long. If the white belt is worn, all members must wear the belt. For the U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard, a plain buckle modified with a raised, centered, metal Coast Guard emblem (colored) is specified.

5.C.3.d. Shoes

High gloss, Corfram, black dress shoes, MIL-S- 13192 or (equivalent) are worn. The U.S. Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard shoes shall be double soled, with 1-1/2 inch heel. They shall also have steel toe taps, horse hide tap on heel, and a brass plate on the inside of each heel.

5.C.3.e. Blue Bib Scarf

The blue bib scarf, (MIL-S-11922C), is authorized for the silent drill teams. Class 7, Dark Blue (Cable color 65012) shall be worn with the Tropical Blue uniform.

5.C.4. FULL DRESS CEREMONIAL UNIFORM WHEN WORN

The Full Dress Ceremonial uniform shall be worn on the following occasions:

By the Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard:
All ceremonies at the White House, Pentagon, and Arlington National Cemetery.
All full honor arrivals and departure ceremonies
All state funerals and all Coast Guard funerals.
All Joint Service Color Details.
Any other ceremony, as directed by the Military District of Washington.
Any other ceremony as directed by the Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Telecommunications and Information Systems Command (TISCOM).

The Full Dress Ceremonial uniforms shall be worn by other Honor Guards, except that the Tropical Blue uniform with combination cap may be prescribed.

5.C.4.a. Full Dress Ceremonial Uniform Items

The Full Dress Ceremonial uniform consists of the basic Full Dress uniform, described in Chapter 4, and the following additional items:

White shoulder cord

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Ceremonial white belt with buckle
Double-soled shoes with cleats
Identification patch and embroidered shield
Honor Guard badge

5.C.5. TROPICAL BLUE LONG UNIFORM, WHEN WORN

The Tropical Blue Long Uniform may be prescribed for the Drill Teams. With the Tropical Blue Long Uniform, Honor Guard personnel shall wear a left blue shoulder cord, identification patch, and Honor Guard Badge.

The Tropical Blue Long Uniform consists of the basic Tropical Blue Long Uniform described in chapter 4 and the following additional items:

Blue shoulder cord
Ceremonial blue belt with buckle
Double-soled shoes with cleats
Identification patch and embroidered shield
Honor Guard badge

5.C.6. OTHER UNIFORMS

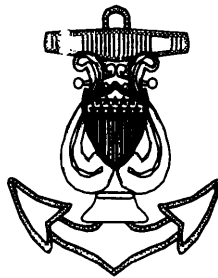
When wearing other dress uniforms, the white shoulder strap, the identification patch and embroidered shield, and badge is worn. When wearing the Undress uniforms the blue shoulder strap is worn.

5.D. COAST GUARD BAND UNIFORM

Personnel in the Coast Guard Band shall follow all regulations regarding Coast Guard uniforms and grooming standards. When they are not performing they shall wear the regular Coast Guard uniform as listed in Chapters two and three.

Parade and concert uniforms worn by the members shall be prescribed by the Band Director. Rating badge ribbons or name tags shall not be worn while in the concert uniform. Officers shall wear their rank insignia. The gold Coast Guard shield shall be worn as described in chapter 2.

5.D.1. CAP INSIGNIA



The cap insignia is worn by enlisted members of the Coast Guard Band. It consists of a gold colored metal lyre device superimposed on the shank of a gold colored fouled anchor, and a silver colored Coast Guard shield superimposed on the lyre.

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5.D.2. DRESS BLUE COAT

The Dress Blue coat is modified for use during concerts. The belt and buttons shall be removed from the woman's coat.

5.D.3. INSIGNIA

Coat Shoulder Insignia

The shoulders shall have a 1-7/8 inch wide epaulet with a 1/16 inch red border. The epaulets shall fasten with a 1/2 inch Coast Guard gilt button.

Coat Sleeve Insignia

Coat sleeve insignia are worn by all members of the band.

One insignia is a curved identification patch with the legend "U.S. COAST GUARD" in white block letters on a flag blue background.

Another insignia consists of an embroidered shield 1-13/16 inch wide and 2-1/2 inches high, consisting of a blue chief, with six red and seven white stripes in the base. The entire shield is bordered in gold and the gold also separates the chief from the base of the shield. The chief of the shield has 13 stars, arranged in two straight horizontal rows, with seven stars above and six stars below.

The "U.S. COAST GUARD" insignia is sewn on each sleeve 1-1/4 inches below the shoulder. The embroidered shield shall be sewn on the right sleeve, 1/2 inch below the bottom of the curved "U.S. COAST GUARD" insignia.

Shoulder Cord

Members of the Coast Guard band shall wear a red shoulder cord with blue woven in. It shall be worn on the left shoulder under the epaulet on the service dress blue coat and the tropical blue shirt.

Trouser Insignia

The trouser insignia consists of a 1/16 inch red stripe sewn on the outside seam of the trousers, extending from the bottom of the pocket welt to the end of the trouser leg. It is worn by all members of the Coast Guard Band.

Baldric

The Drum Major of the U.S. Coast Guard Band shall wear a baldric when prescribed by the Band Director. The main device shall be the U.S. Coast Guard Eagle, provided by the Institute of Heraldry. Beneath the main device shall be at least the thirty-six honors as accrued to the Service since the French Naval War.

5.D.4 CEREMONIAL PARADE DRESS UNIFORM

The Ceremonial Parade Dress Uniform shall be the same as the Service Dress Blue Bravo Uniform, except for the addition of the items previously listed. Women may be directed to wear the service dress blue skirt. Ribbons, medals, nametags shall not be worn.

5.D.5. TROPICAL PARADE DRESS UNIFORM

The Tropical Parade Dress Uniform shall be the same as the Tropical Blue Long Uniform except for the addition of the items previously listed. Ribbons, medals, and nametags shall be worn unless otherwise directed.

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5.D.6. FORMAL CONCERT BLUE UNIFORM

The Formal Concert Blue Uniform shall be the same as the Dinner Dress Blue Jacket Uniform except for the Coast Guard Blue color. Men and women shall wear a Coast Guard Blue bow tie. Men shall wear suspenders.

5.E. FOOD SERVICE UNIFORMS

Generally personnel working in the preparation of meals will wear; white short sleeved shirts, white trousers with a white web belt with buckle, aprons and caps. Commanding officers may authorize approved; colored, striped, or printed food service uniforms instead of white. Food Service uniforms are provided through organizational funding.

5.E.2. MESS ATTENDANTS

There are two types of mess attendants, food server and scullery personnel.

Food servers shall wear the following items:

- A white food handler's cap.
- A white 100% cotton short sleeved shirt.
- The black web belt with buckle
- Collar devices (when petty officers are assigned, see COMDTINST M1020.6 series)
- Working blue trousers
- Black socks
- Black safety shoes
- White cotton food handler's apron

Scullery personnel shall wear the following items:

- White food handler's cap or white paper disposable hat
- Working blue shirt
- Black web belt with a buckle
- Collar devices (when petty officers are assigned, see COMDTINST M1020.6 series)
- Working blue trousers
- Black socks
- Black safety shoes
- A waterproof apron

The food service cap and apron are retained by the unit.

5.E.3. WARDROOM SERVICE

The standard prescribed uniform for wardroom personnel is:

- A food server's white jacket, or white Eton style jacket.
- The white dress shirt or the light blue shirt
- A black bow tie

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The service dress blue or the undress blue trousers, as appropriate

For uniformity, all wardroom service personnel shall wear the same uniform items. The white jackets and black bow tie are organizational clothing and are retained by the unit.

5.F. ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING

Organizational clothing is special purpose clothing and personal protective gear, other than the standard government issue or regular optional uniform items described in this manual. Organizational clothing is to be used to protect the health, safety, and comfort of Coast Guard personnel, military and civilian. Organizational clothing should be used when the standard or optional Coast Guard uniform articles, that are part of the regularly authorized uniform items described in the Coast Guard Uniform Regulations, are not sufficient, due to special or unique work requirements, due to climate (hot or cold, natural or artificial), due to safety concerns, or when the member's uniforms would otherwise be irreparably stained, damaged, or rendered unusable. Commands must be able to clearly demonstrate that the regular uniform items their personnel are required or authorized to maintain do not meet the needs of the local situation, before organizational clothing is authorized.

Headquarters Program Managers and Program Directors normally provide written direction and guidance for the use of organizational clothing specific to their programs. Local commands shall use unit AFC-30 funds to purchase organizational clothing as directed by the responsible Program Manager or Director. When the Program Manager or Director does not provide direction or guidance suitable to the local situation or need, the local command then has the authority to designate the items necessary as organizational clothing to meet their local need, and buy the items from unit AFC-30 funds. Whenever possible, organizational clothing should be as close to Coast Guard clothing colors as is available. Units within close proximity should coordinate and standardize on locally designated and procured organizational clothing items for a more uniform appearance within their area. Organizational clothing should conform to Coast Guard specific and other federally mandated safety standards (such as those published by OSHA).

Organizational clothing is not to be used solely for the purpose of improving appearance or for establishing a unit specific appearance. This includes items such as unit or special ball caps, colored T-shirts (except dark blue T-shirts for women) or other nonstandard shirts with or without logos, cloth name tapes for standard work uniforms, or other items of cosmetic purpose. Organizational clothing items should be bought from government sources whenever possible, but they may be bought from commercial sources when that provides the best value or when items are not available from government sources. The Uniform System Staff, COMDT (G-WPM-1), (202) 267-1192/0730, can provide assistance, advice, and referrals on organizational clothing questions.

Information on accountability for organizational clothing can be found in Enclosure (V-6) to COMDTINST M4400.19 (series), Supply Policy and Procedures Manual, under the General Accountability section.

5.F.1. TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING

5.F.1.a. Safety Clothing

Safety clothing includes safety glasses that comply with ANSI Z87-1989 and any type of clothing or shoes to protect an individual against injury or impairment.

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5.F.1.b. Flight Clothing

Flight clothing shall be worn only by personnel whose duty orders place them in flight status. Flight clothing shall be worn only when performing flight duties. It is important to keep the flight clothing clean and free of oils and grease for maximum protection during flying. The Aviation Life Support Systems Manual COMDTINST M 13520.1 (series) lists flight clothing and information on its care.

Flight clothing issued to personnel shall be entered on an AF Form 538. The copy of AF Form 538 shall be mailed to the reporting unit when the member is transferred.

5.F.1.c. Judicial Robes

Personnel certified as judges in accordance with Article 26b, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and designated as judges by the General Counsel, Department of Transportation, may wear the judicial robe. The robe shall be worn only when performing duties as a trial or appellate judge. An allowance for judicial robes is authorized to be established by Commandant (G-L), all District Commanders and other units with military judges attached. The robes are necessary for use by the military judges in conjunction with their court martial duties, Court of Military Review duties and on appropriate ceremonial occasions. The robe is the property of the unit where it is issued. The robe shall be fitted individually to the military judge. Identification shall consist of the name and grade of the judge to whom issued and "MILITARY JUDGE, USCG", placed on the identification tag provided within the robe.

5.F.1.d. Coveralls

Coveralls may be authorized for wear in those situations where normal work clothing would become damaged, or soiled to such a point as to reflect unfavorably on the member or the Coast Guard. Coveralls shall not be authorized for convenience, nor are they to merely replace existing issued work uniforms. The coverall shall be the standard Navy coverall available through Federal Supply sources. If identification is considered essential, such as on law enforcement and marine inspection missions, it shall consist of the initials "USCG" placed above the left breast pocket and across the back of the coveralls. The lettering shall be white block letters, 1 inch high for the front, and 3 inches high for the back.

5.F.1.e. Smocks

Smocks may be authorized for wear by personnel who are involved in direct patient care, such as sick call, lab, x-ray, or dental hygienists. The smock shall be the standard smock available through Federal Supply sources, either white or light blue. When smocks are worn, name tags and collar insignia are required. The name tag shall be 1 inch high and 3 inches wide. It shall be black with white lettering. The information on the name tag shall be as follows: Rank, first initial, and last name shall be centered on the top line of the name tag. A professional title such as Physician, Dentist, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Pharmacist, Physical Therapist, Optometrist, Registered Nurse, or Health Services Technician shall be centered on the second line. Do not use abbreviations.

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5.F.1.f. White Lab Coats

White lab coats may be authorized for wear by physicians and dentists in direct patient care. Pharmacists, physical therapists, lab technicians, and preventative medicine technicians may be authorized to wear the white lab coat to protect their clothing from work space hazards. When lab coats are worn, name tags without the collar insignia are required. The name tag shall be worn over the right breast pocket and shall have the same information on it as listed above.

5.F.1.g. Boat Crew Protective Clothing

Boat crew protective clothing is worn by personnel who routinely work as a boat crew or as a member of a boarding party. Clothing and equipment issued to personnel shall be entered on an AF Form 538. A copy of AF Form 538 shall be mailed to the reporting unit when the member is transferred. When the member no longer serves as a boat crew member or is discharged from the Coast Guard, the clothing or equipment required to be turned at their last unit.

5.F.1.h. Special Programs Clothing

Units may authorize clothing for special training programs. Personnel are authorized to wear the clothing only during their special training. This is a one-time issue and it shall be recorded on an Administrative Remarks Sheet.

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Chapter 6. Care and Ordering of Uniform Items

Clothing and equipment shall be made of high quality materials and constructed with a high standard of workmanship. All wearing apparel and insignia obtained from the Uniform Distribution Center, other Coast Guard clothing lockers, and government issue uniform items sold through Coast Guard Exchange System stores shall be considered regulation.

Articles purchased from other than Clothing Stores by individual members of the Coast Guard must conform to the Military Specifications as regards outward appearance and must not be of lower quality than that specified. Any material may be used that is approved by these regulations for the specific article.

6.A. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Proper care and maintenance of the uniform items will prolong the useful life of the items. Taking care of the uniform also gives the member a distinguished military appearance.

6.A.1. CLOTHING

Carrying large or heavy objects in the pockets will quickly destroy the shape of the uniform. When you are not wearing the uniform, keep it on a hanger. When storing a uniform for a long period of time it is best to clean the uniform then pack it in an airtight container with desiccant, a drying agent.

6.A.2. BUTTONS

When the gold plated buttons are exposed to moist air, they sometimes become covered with green copper carbonate. The carbonate can be removed by rubbing gently with acetic acid or any substance containing this acid, such as vinegar or Worcestershire sauce, followed by a thorough washing in fresh water.

6.A.3. GOLD LACE

Gold lace will rapidly tarnish and deteriorate if in contact with or hung near any substance containing sulfur, such as rubber or ordinary manila or kraft wrapping paper. Gold bullion lace should normally be cleaned by an experienced tailor although liquid non-toxic preparations and certain commercial liquid cleaners may be used if carefully applied in conformance with the manufacturer's instruction.

6.A.4. METAL INSIGNIA

Use soap and water to clean the gold filled parts and the sterling silver rhodium finished parts of metal insignia.

6.B. UNIFORM ORDERING

All Active, Reserve, and Auxiliary personnel are authorized to purchase uniforms from the Uniform Distribution Center (UDC), located in Cape May, NJ

It is recommended that a qualified Tailor take measurements for uniforms.

6.B.1. PLACING ORDERS

Uniform clothing items may be ordered from the UDC by telephone, FAX, or mail, using either the Charge-To-Pay method or by Visa or by Mastercard credit cards. Individuals CANNOT use the Government credit card to buy personal uniform clothing items.

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UNIT CREDIT CARD. All units using their unit Credit Card for purchase of organizational clothing from UDC **MUST** attach to their order a signed statement, from the Supply Officer, Comptroller, or person certified to approve the unit's purchase, verifying that the use of unit AFC-30 funds is appropriate and approved for the purchase being made. These orders, with verification, **MUST** be made by either FAX or mail. **NO VERBAL ORDERS OF THIS TYPE WILL BE ACCEPTED BY TELEPHONE.**

When ordering uniform clothing items by mail, keep photocopies of the order documents for reference until the ordered items are received and found to be satisfactory

The UDC is closed for the last two (2) weeks in September each year for computer and facility maintenance and to make the price changes for the following fiscal year. All orders received during this time will be processed on the first business day of October at the new prices. UDC also closes for inventory once per quarter. Overnight, UPS, FEDEX, or Express type shipment services are NOT available. Orders for uniform clothing items will be processed and sent out within five working days of receipt of the order.

Use the FTS 2000 line for ordering uniform clothing items whenever possible. Telephone numbers are as follows:

FTS 2000/Commercial: (609) 898-6252/6253/6254
Toll Free: (800) 874-6841
FAX: (609) 898-6807

6.B.2. ORDERING SPECIAL SIZES

Occasionally, personnel require clothing sizes which do not exist within the supply system. In such cases, the procurement of special measurement clothing is authorized.

Special Measurement Orders are available for members who cannot otherwise get a satisfactory fit using standard sized uniform clothing items. This is for Government Issue items only and must be paid for at the time of ordering. The standard prices apply. Special Measurement uniforms are non-returnable, except if made improperly by the manufacture.

To order, fill out DD form 358 (men) or DD1111 (women) completely. Provide **accurate measurements taken by a qualified person (tailor)**. Send it to the UDC, with payment, by mail or if using a credit card or charge-to-pay method for payment, you may FAX it. Expect delivery of Special Measurement orders to take a minimum of 16 weeks. The UDC now stocks larger sizes, so call the UDC before placing a special measurement order.

6.B.3. RETURNING UNIFORM ITEMS.

ALL uniform items sold at reduced price are non-returnable, except for cases of improper fit or defective items. They will be exchanged one for one only. Uniform items that are altered IN ANY WAY after their receipt are NOT returnable. Uniform items may not normally be returned after 3 months from the date of invoice, even if not worn or altered. Requests to return uniform items after this 3 month period will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis at the UDC. Due to problems with returned items lost in shipment, members are advised to ship their returns using a return receipt request from the shipping source used. The cost of shipping the return back to the UDC is the member's responsibility.

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If a defect (wrong item sent, improper fit due to manufacture, defect in manufacturing or item damaged in shipment) is found in an article of uniform clothing, members should complete a Notification of Uniform Clothing Defect, Form, CG-5407 and forward it, with the defective item, to the UDC for refund or replacement. When returning defective items to the UDC, members should use Coast Guard metered mail.

6.B.4. UNIFORM PRICES

The uniform prices change periodically. For a current price list of uniform items, see COMDTINST 10120.2 (series).

6.C. FITTING GUIDELINES

The Coast Guard designs its uniforms to present a neat, comfortable, and functional appearance. The guidelines that follow are provided to aid individuals in obtaining proper fitting clothing.

Individuals may have uniforms tailored for better fit; however, garments will not be altered to make them form-fitting or change the outward appearance of the uniform.

6.C.1. MEN'S SHIRT

There should be ample room around the chest and shoulders to permit free use of the arms, without binding. The collar of the long sleeve shirt should fit smoothly around the neck with sufficient room to allow the insertion and free movement of the index finger. The shoulder/arm seam should reach a point on the outer edge of the shoulder joint. The bottom edge of the buttoned cuff for the shirt should cover the wrist bone, a tolerance of 1/2 inch plus or minus is acceptable.

6.C.2. SERVICE DRESS BLOUSE

The coat/jacket should fit comfortably across the shoulders. The shoulder padding should extend approximately 1/2 an inch beyond the outer edge of the shoulder joint. The collar should fit closely around the neck and smoothly at the back. There should be no folds or breaks across the top of the back or just below the collar.

The coat/jacket should fit comfortably across the chest/bust with no binding around the armholes when the arms are moved. The front collar, lapels, and pockets should present a smooth appearance. There should be sufficient looseness in the coat to permit a pinching of 2-4 inches of material at the chest/bust. The coat front should be smooth and balanced with no gapping, pulling, or crisscrossing of the front closure.

The bottom edge of the sleeve should cover the wrist bone. A tolerance of 1/2 inch plus or minus is acceptable. The bottom of the coat side should be parallel to the ground.

The back of the coat/jacket should hang smoothly with no horizontal wrinkles or vertical waves.

The rear vent flap on the coat should hang smoothly with no gapping, pulling, or crisscrossing.

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6.C.3. TROUSERS

Trousers should be sufficiently loose around the hips and buttocks to preclude gapping of the pockets and visible horizontal wrinkles on the front.

The fly of the trousers should hang in a vertical line without gapping when unzipped.

The rise of the trousers should allow sufficient looseness to assure comfort in normal movements. The rise is that measurement from the crotch to the bottom of the waistband. Too short a rise results in tightness and discomfort; too long a rise results in "drooping" of the seat and crotch of the trousers.

There should be sufficient looseness in the waist to allow for four fingers to be inserted inside the waistband and moved from side-to-side without strain, and there should be no horizontal wrinkles across the rear of the trousers below the waistband. When hemming trousers, make the front hem mark at a point 1/4 inch above the front of the shoe. A separate hem mark should be made at the back of each trouser leg 1 1/2 inches below the top of the back of the shoe. The finished leg should have a 2 to 3 inch hem. Women may have the flair in the leg of the trousers removed by tailoring at their own expense. The dimensions of the leg will be similar in proportion to the men's.

6.C.4. DRESS SKIRT

The skirt should fit snugly and comfortably around the waist. There should be sufficient looseness around the hips and buttocks to prevent horizontal wrinkles in the front and to permit comfortable movement.

The finished bottom of the skirt should have a 2-3 inch hem and should be parallel to the floor.